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THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

PREAMBLE.

Believing that the principles of the Congregational system of church government are plainly taught in the Scriptures; and believing that system to be better adapted than any other to promote the welfare of the Christian Church; and believing, moreover, that the extension and efficiency of the system would be greatly promoted by organizing a General Association of the Congregational Ministers and Churches of Michigan; we, therefore, to form such an Association, adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

ARTICLE I.

This Ecclesiastical Organization shall be called the General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan.

OBJECT.

ARTICLE II.

This Association declaring that it will exercise no ecclesiastical control or authority over the ministers and churches belonging to it, assumes for its object to promote Christian fellowship among its members; to obtain and disseminate information relative to the churches throughout the State, our country and the world; and by prayers, counsels and faithful efforts, to advance the cause of truth and holiness.

MEMBERS.

ARTICLE III.

Every church connected with a local Conference or Association in the State is entitled to representation in

the General Association by its pastor, if a member—made such by vote—in regular standing in some Association or Conference in connection within the State, and by a delegate chosen for that purpose. Any minister, also, who has been made a member by vote of a local Conference or Association in the State, and is in regular standing in such body, is a member of the General Association, and being present at its meetings is entitled to a seat therein, and a quorum or larger number of such ministers or delegates, together with those made members *ex-officio* by the rules, assembled according to Article V, shall constitute the General Association of Michigan.

OFFICERS.**ARTICLE IV.**

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe, elected annually by ballot, and Assistant Scribe, chosen *viva voce* at each meeting, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall be the Treasurer of the Association. The duties of these officers shall be as indicated by the designation of their office.

MEETING.**ARTICLE V.**

The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at such place as shall have been selected at the previous meeting, and shall begin on the third Wednesday of May, at 7.30 p. m., and not to stand adjourned until after an evening service on the following Sabbath. If any exigency arise which, in the unanimous opinion of the Moderator, Secretary and Scribe, requires an extra meeting of this body, or a change in either the time or place of the annual meeting thereof, it shall be competent for these officers to call such extra meeting, or to make such a change upon giving adequate notice.

QUORUM.**ARTICLE VI.**

A number of members equal to one-fifth of the number of churches entitled to representation shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; but at the time and place of meeting a smaller number may organize the body.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ARTICLE VII.

1. There shall be chosen a Business Committee of six, three of whom shall retire each year in the order of their election, and three shall be chosen annually, one of whom shall be the minister of the church with which the Association votes next to meet. This committee shall cause to be offered to the Association such papers on doctrine, duty and polity, and to present such topics for discussion as they may deem expedient; they shall make arrangements for all the missionary and other public meetings to be held by the Association, and prepare the order of business for each session, placing a docket of the same in the hands of the Moderator; and no business shall be introduced without their consent, except by a vote of the body upon appeal.
2. There shall be a Nominating Committee of three to be chosen by ballot each year in the first business session of the body, whose duty shall be to make all nominations of committees not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect its own Chairman and Scribe, and shall keep a record of all nominations confirmed by the Association.
3. A Committee on the Narrative, consisting of three, of whom the Secretary shall be one, shall be chosen annually for the ensuing year, to whom the Scribe of each local Conference or Association shall send a written narrative of the state of religion within its bounds as soon as possible after its meeting next preceding the annual meeting of this body, which this committee shall form into a general narrative to be presented to this body; and, if approved, to be published in the Minutes.
4. An Obituary Committee of three shall be chosen annually, who shall make fit report to this Association of the death of those ministers who at their decease were, or long had been, members of the body.

CONFSSION.

ARTICLE VIII.

We believe:—

1. In the One Supreme God, the Creator, Preserver, Sovereign Ruler and Final Judge of all; in the Trinity of

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the Godhead; and in the infinite perfections of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. In the full inspiration and authority of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the revealed will of God and our rule of faith and practice.
3. In the apostacy and depravity of our race, and in their consequent need of regeneration and sanctification by the Spirit and truth of God.
4. In the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ, the Supreme Head of the Church, our Prophet, Priest and King; and in his atonement as the only ground of man's salvation, and as sufficient for all.
5. In the eternal purpose of God; and in the substantial and conscious freedom of man.
6. In the election of true believers; and in their perseverance through faith unto salvation.
7. In keeping the Lord's day as the Christian Sabbath; in baptizing believers and their children; and in observing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
8. In the resurrection of the dead; in the final judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; and in the eternal punishment of the wicked.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

ARTICLE IX.

This Association, appreciating the fellowship of the churches, and the need of comprehensive plans for advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom, will be represented by delegates in the National Council.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the intended change or amendment shall have been proposed in substance at the previous meeting.

RULES.

1. **ORGANIZATION.**—The annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon, after which the Moderator, or in his absence the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the Association meets, shall call the members to order, and shall preside till the body is organized on the following morning by the election of a Moderator and Scribe, a majority of the votes cast being necessary to such an election.
2. On the first evening of the meeting the Secretary shall circulate cards, on which the members and corresponding members shall write their names and titles, together with the name of their Church, local Conference, Association, or Corresponding Body, and from these cards he shall make out a roll to be reported early the next day.
3. Only the Business Committee shall propose the names of honorary members.
4. **PREACHER FOR NEXT MEETING.**—A preacher and alternate for the next meeting shall be chosen by ballot; a majority of all votes cast being necessary for choice. The election shall be the order of the day for the second day of the meeting, at 3 p. m.
5. **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.**—Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer. The minutes shall be read for correction on the morning of each day, and shall be approved at the close of the meeting.
6. The usages of like deliberative bodies shall be observed in defining the duties of officers and in the conduct of business.
7. When a motion is under debate no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, yeas and nays, or the previous question, viz.: *Shall the main question now be put?* and these motions, except for amendment, shall not be debated.
8. In debate no member, without leave of the body, shall speak more than ten minutes, nor more than once while others wish to occupy the floor. The time to be occupied by addresses of corresponding members and members of benevolent societies shall be determined by the Business Committee.

9. **DUTIES OF LOCAL BODIES.**—Each local Conference or Association shall furnish to the Secretary of this body, through its Scribe or Committee, according to the schedule, its statistics, as they were on the last day of March next preceding the annual meeting of this Association.

10. It shall be the duty of each local Conference or Association to pay, through its Scribe, to the Treasurer of this Association at its annual meeting, whatever money may remain due from that body, whether the same shall have been collected or not.

11. **DUTIES OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.**—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give due notice through the newspapers, of the time and place of each meeting; to furnish the Scribes of local Conferences or Associations with schedules for statistical reports; to publish the minutes, statistical reports, and such other documents as the Association shall direct.

12. He shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and shall disburse the same as this body shall direct. He shall annually report the condition of the Treasury, and shall give an estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. His annual compensation shall be two hundred dollars.

13. **COMMITTEES.**—A Financial Committee of three shall be chosen annually, who shall audit the Treasurer's account and apportion the expenses of this Association to the local Conferences or Associations, according to their number of church members respectively.

14. Members of committees holding over from year to year shall be *ex-officio* members of the Association during their term of office.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE.**—Any member of this Association, if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association therein. For his certificate this rule shall be sufficient; and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.

16. **DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.**—At each meeting of this Association previous to a National Council, and on the third day of the meeting, Delegates and Alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot to represent the churches of this State in the next National Council.

17. ROLL TO BE FURNISHED NOMINATING COMMITTEE.—It shall be the duty of the Scribe, early in the sessions of the body, to furnish the Nominating Committee a copy of the roll of members.

18. SUSPENSION OF RULES.—Any of these Rules, except the Nineteenth, may be suspended for the time being by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

19. AMENDMENT OF RULES.—Any motion to alter, establish, or annul permanently any rule of this body, shall be read on two different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: *Shall it be read a second time?*

RESOLUTIONS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

PREAMBLE. The General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan, desiring to become a corporate body under the laws of the Commonwealth, made and provided for the incorporation of Associations of Churches (*Public Acts* of 1873, No. 141; Howell's *Annotated Statutes*, § 4,653; § 4,654; § 4,655), in accordance with the provisions of said laws, adopts the following

RESOLUTIONS AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

NAME.

1. That the said Association become incorporated under the name and style of The General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan.

OBJECT.

2. That the object of this corporation is and shall be, in general, the propagation of the religious faith and ecclesiastical polity of the Congregational Churches in connection with the said Association, and with "The National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States;" and for the carrying out of this object, the reception, the holding and investing, and the disbursements of such moneys and properties as may be given, or bequeathed to it for the following specific purposes, viz:

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- SPECIFIC PURPOSES. (1.) The planting and nurturing of Sunday schools of the said faith and order in destitute places.
(2.) The planting and aiding of churches of the said faith and order.
(3.) The helping of churches of the said faith and order in erecting houses of worship and parsonages.
(4.) The relief of disabled ministers of the said faith and order, and their families.
(5.) The collection and preservation of results of councils, records, minutes, books, etc., pertaining to churches and ministers of said faith and order.
(6.) The doing of whatever else may foster the growth or promote the welfare of said Sunday schools, churches, ministers, etc., not inconsistent with the laws of the State, or of the United States.
- TRUSTEES. 3. The said General Association shall, on their nomination by a committee, elect by ballot, one Trustee from each local Conference or Association of churches in connection, and six Trustees at large, one-third or more of whom shall be laymen; which Trustees shall be the legal corporation of said Association, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and liabilities of similar corporations.
- MEETINGS OF TRUSTEES. 4. The annual meetings of the Trustees shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the General Association; and the Board of Trustees shall report their doings in the several departments of their work, and send the records of their meetings annually, to the General Association.
- QUORUM. 5. At the annual meetings a majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum; but the Board may appoint committees who shall conduct their respective departments of labor, as directed by the Board of Trustees, when the said Board shall not be in session, and who shall report their proceedings to the Board; but appointments other than those of local missionaries shall not be made, unless a majority of the Trustees are present.

6. The General Association makes the above resolutions and Articles of Incorporation, together with its Constitution (but not Rules), the organic law of its existence as a corporate body.

RULES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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| TRUSTEES,
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CHOSEN. | 1. The Trustees shall be chosen annually on the second day of the meeting of the General Association, and shall hold office until their successors are elected. |
| OFFICERS
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BOARD. | 2. The Board of Trustees shall organize by the election of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor, the last two of whom shall not be members of the Board of Trustees. |
| APPOINT-
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THE BOARD. | 3. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a State Secretary or Superintendent of Missions, who shall not be a member of the Board; and also general and local missionaries, as the needs of the service shall require; the said appointments to be subject to the approval and ratification of the American Home Missionary Society, until the State shall become self-sustaining in its Home Missionary Work. It shall also appoint such other Secretaries or agents for the several departments of labor as shall in its discretion be deemed necessary. |
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WORK. | 4. The Board may, at any annual meeting, create departments of work with their proper agencies, when the exigencies of the cause demand them. |
| DEPART-
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MISSIONS. | 5. In the Home Missionary department, the Board of Trustees shall have charge of the apportioning of funds to be expended in the work of Home Missions in the State, the raising of funds to be contributed by the churches for the same; and, in general, the Board shall coöperate with the American Home Missionary Society in building up the waste places in Michigan, and in establishing the institutions of the gospel in other destitute parts of the nation. The Board shall also receive |

and consider, and act upon all applications for aid to mission fields, after the same shall have been approved by the proper local committees.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS. 6. In other departments, the Board of Trustees shall receive, consider and act upon all applications for aid, and disburse all funds and moneys therefor.

BEQUESTS. 7. The Board of Trustees shall receive and invest all moneys, and shall receive, hold and control all other property given or bequeathed in trust to the General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan, and shall apply the proceeds of the same to that department of work designated in the will or bequest of the donors.

MEETINGS. 8. The Board of Trustees shall hold its annual meeting in connection with the annual meeting of the General Association. Other meetings may be held at any time and place during the year whenever necessary.

MINUTES.

Wednesday Evening.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan convened in forty-fifth Annual Session in the Congregational Church of Flint, Wednesday, May 19th, 1886, at 7.30 P. M. The opening sermon was preached by Prof. J. F. Loba, of Olivet, from Galatians 1:7, "Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ," and 1 Cor., 14:8, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

The Association was called to order by the Secretary, and the names of delegates present were enrolled. Rev. L. B. Platt welcomed the Association in fitting remarks, after which the Association adjourned with the benediction.

Second Day—Thursday Morning.

The Association was called to order by Rev. M. W. Fairfield, Chairman of the Business Committee, who led in prayer.

The following roll of members was read by the Secretary:

ROLL.

CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE—

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
Banks -----	Rev. Page F. McClelland-----	
Berryville-----		Mrs. Mary E. Berry.
Charlevoix -----	Rev. Chauncey F. VanAuken -----	
Cheboygan -----	Rev. W. S. Bugbey-----	Mrs. W. S. Bugbey.
Kalkaska -----	Rev. William Sidebotham--	Dea. A. A. Abbott.
Mancelona -----	Rev. Benjamin J. Baxter-----	
Vanderbilt -----	Rev. Charles F. Tuttle-----	
Ministerial Members—Rev. C. H. Beale, Rev. Abram VanAuken, Rev. John C. VanAuken.		

CHIPPEWA AND MACKINAC CONFERENCE—

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
St. Ignace-----	Rev. Charles E. Taggart-----	Mrs. C. E. Taggart.

EASTERN CONFERENCE—

Almont -----		Dea. S. E. Ferguson.
Detroit, 1st -----	Rev. William H. Davis-----	Dea. George M. Lane.
Detroit, 2d -----	Rev. Moses Smith-----	William L. Smith.
Detroit, Trumbull Ave.	Rev. Robert W. Wallace-----	Dea. M. L. Williams.
Detroit, Fort Wayne	Rev. Abram B. Allen-----	
Memphis -----	Rev. Calvin S. Shattuck-----	George M. Granger.
Metamora -----		George Pitcher.
New Baltimore-----	Rev. Malan H. Wright-----	
New Haven -----		Mrs. A. Gunn.
Orion -----	Rev. William D. Attack-----	Mrs. W. D. Attack.
Oxford -----	Rev. John Allworth-----	
Port Huron -----	Rev. A. Hastings Ross-----	G. C. Meisel.
Rochester -----	Rev. William G. Roberts-----	
Romeo -----	Rev. Edward A. Berry-----	P. Farrar.
Royal Oak -----	Rev. Peleg Barker-----	
Wayne -----	Rev. George C. Empson-----	

EASTERN ASSOCIATION—Rev. Samuel D. Breed, Rev. Nelson Green, Rev. Philo R. Hurd, Rev. John P. Sanderson.

GENESEE CONFERENCE—

Bancroft -----	Rev. Richard Lewis-----	
Flint -----	Rev. Lester B. Platt-----	Dea. George Andrews.
Genesee -----		C. G. Westover.
Grand Blanc -----	Rev. Fayette Hurd-----	John G. Cook.
Hartland Center -----	Rev. J. F. Kellogg-----	
Highland Station -----	Rev. George E. Lincoln-----	
Ithaca -----	Rev. N. Dimic Glidden-----	Dea. S. J. Thoenen.
Laingsburg -----	Rev. William Anderson-----	May E. Anderson.
Maple Rapids -----	Rev. Robert Stapleton-----	Mrs. R. Stapleton.
Oakley -----	Rev. Horatio A. Barker-----	
Ovid -----	Rev. Alfred T. Waterman-----	Mrs. Emily S. Waterman.
Owosso -----	Rev. George H. Wilson-----	M. C. Williams.
Tyrone -----		Adam F. Andrews.
Vernon -----	Rev. Morgan P. Jones-----	
Victor -----		Dea. H. Mulder.
Vienna -----	Rev. Fred. C. Wood-----	Dea. J. A. Shelden.

Ministerial Members—Rev. John B. Dawson, Rev. Wilfred M. Kellogg, Rev. Robert Quaife.

GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE—

Allendale -----	Rev. Clarence Finster-----	
Croton -----	Rev. George Lloyd-----	
Dorr -----		Orrin Goodspeed.

GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE—(Continued.)

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
Grand Rapids, 1st-----	Rev. Alexander R. Merriam	C. H. Gleason.
Grand Rapids, 2d-----	Rev. Henry Utterwick	-----
Grand Rapids, South-----	Rev. Ben. F. Sargent	-----
Irving-----	Rev. Harvey P. Robinson	-----
Sand Lake-----	Rev. Erastus C. Herrington	-----

GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE—

Benzonia-----	Rev. Otis B. Waters	-----
Frankfort-----	Rev. Charles W. Carrick	-----

JACKSON CONFERENCE—

Ann Arbor-----	Rev. William H. Ryder	Dea. Lorrin Mills.
Chelsea-----	Rev. John A. Kaley	Charles H. Wines.
Dexter-----	Rev. Orange C. Bailey	-----
Grass Lake-----	Rev. John Patchin	William H. Smith.
Jackson-----		L. H. Field.
Leslie-----	Rev. William C. Allen	-----
Pinckney-----	Rev. Fred. M. Coddington	-----
Sandstone-----		Dea. F. B. Ward.
Summit-----	Rev. Darius N. Goodrich	George Coldren.
Webster-----		Dea. Isaac Terry.
Ypsilanti-----		E. R. E. Cowell.

KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION—

Alamo-----	Rev. William Bradley	-----
Allegan-----	Rev. Isaac W. McKeever	-----
Athens-----	Rev. Melvin C. Wood	-----
Benton Harbor-----	Rev. William H. Brewster	-----
Covert-----	Rev. John Jefferies	-----
Dowagiac-----	Rev. Peter W. Perry	-----
Galesburg-----	Rev. William Mitchell	Mrs. M. B. Olmsted.
Grand Junction-----	Rev. Edwin I. Ayer	-----
Hartford-----	Rev. William Woodmansee	-----
Kalamazoo-----		Dea. H. Montague.
Mattawan-----	Rev. Ebenezer Herbert	-----
South Haven-----	Rev. Motier A. Bullock	D. W. Hallock.
St. Joseph-----	Rev. John V. Hickmott	Mrs. J. V. Hickmott.
Three Oaks-----		Wm. Chamberlain.
Vicksburg-----	Rev. David H. Reiter	-----
Watervleit-----	Rev. Charles Evans	-----

Ministerial Member—Rev. E. Danforth Curtis.

LANSING ASSOCIATION—

Edmore-----		A. G. Gates.
Greenville-----	Rev. James L. Patton	E. H. Leaming.
Lansing-----		Rev. Leroy Warren.

LANSING ASSOCIATION—(Continued.)

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
Portland	Rev. Dwight P. Breed	
Sheridan	Rev. A. H. Claflin	
Wacousta	Rev. James H. Ashby	Mrs. L. E. Wilder.
Williamston		Dea. N. C. Branch.

MUSKEGON ASSOCIATION—

Grand Haven	Rev. Charles H. Keays	
Muskegon	Rev. Theodore B. Willson	Mrs. Charles McKay.
Newaygo	Rev. Austin H. Norris	
Pentwater	Rev. Levi F. Waldo	Mrs. L. F. Waldo.
Shelby	Rev. Thomas Parker	Mrs. T. Parker.

Ministerial Members—Rev. Miner W. Fairfield, Rev. Adam S. Kedzie.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE—

Big Rapids	Rev. Levi P. Spelman	Mrs. Carrie E. Miller.
Cadillac		J. M. Rice.
Chase	Rev. John Nicol	
Clare	Rev. Albert J. Van Camp	
East Lake	Rev. Henry C. Hurlbut	
Hersey	Rev. T. Arthur Porter	
Ludington	Rev. Russell M. Keyes	Mrs. J. W. Armstrong.
Manistee	Rev. Edmund B. Fairfield	L. S. Ellis.

Ministerial Member—Rev. Elisha W. Miller.

OLIVET CONFERENCE—

Charlotte	Rev. Orange H. Spoor	Mrs. J. J. Curtis.
Eaton Rapids	Rev. Charles A. Wight	
Fredonia	Rev. Austin N. McConoughey	Dea. G. W. Thwing.
Nashville	Rev. O. S. Grinnell	
Olivet	Rev. Horatio Q. Butterfield	Fitz L. Lee.
Vermontville	Rev. Horace R. Williams	Dea. W. R. Martin.

Ministerial Members—Rev. Frederick W. Bush, Rev. Jean F. Loba, Rev. Wolcott B. Williams.

SAGINAW CONFERENCE—

Alma	Rev. John Van Antwerp	Mrs. L. A. Antwerp.
Alpena	Rev. Helmas H. Van Auken.	Mrs. J. E. Field.
Bay City	Rev. William W. Lyle	M. M. Andrews.
Breckenridge		D. W. Breckenridge.
Bridgeport	Rev. Calvin Selden	
East Saginaw	Rev. Franklin Noble	N. H. Culver.
Essexville	Rev. Walter D. King	Dea. A. C. Hall.
St. Louis	Rev. William C. Calland	Mrs. C. J. Willett.

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—

Addison	Rev. Kendrick H. Crane	
Canandaigua	Rev. Edwin T. Branch	

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—(*Continued.*)

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.
Clinton -----	Rev. Joseph A. Barnes-----	David S. Goodrich.
Dundee -----	Rev. Henry Coate -----	Mrs. Corbin.
Franklin -----		Dea. Edwin Cook.
Hudson -----		Dea. E. Childs.
Somerset -----		George H. Smith.
Wheatland -----	Rev. F. E. Carter-----	Cornelius Clement.
Members <i>Ex-Oficio</i> —H. E. Baker, A. O. Bement, C. A. Gower, E. F. Grabil.		
Pastors and Ministerial Members-----		113
Delegates -----		68
Members <i>ex-officio</i> -----		4
Total Representation-----		185

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

- Rev. E. K. Alden, Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M. of Boston, Mass.
 Rev. C. R. Bliss, Secretary of the New West Education Commission, Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. H. M. Curtiss, of the Synod of Michigan.
 Prof. S. I. Curtiss, of Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. Alfred E. Dunning, Secretary of the S. S. and Publishing Society, Boston, Mass.
 Rev. J. H. Fairchild, President of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.
 Rev. George M. Franklin, of the Wisconsin Convention.
 Rev. T. C. Gardner, of the Detroit M. E. Conference.
 Rev. T. Y. Gardner, of the Ohio Congregational State Association.
 Rev. Mills B. Gelston, of the Synod of Michigan.
 Rev. Simeon Gilbert, of the Congregationalist, Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. R. B. Howard, Secretary of the American Peace Society, West Medford, Mass.
 Rev. S. J. Humphrey, District Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. M. Klumpf, of the Evangelical Church of Michigan.
 Rev. H. O. Ladd, of Santa Fe University, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
 Rev. R. N. Mulholland, of the Protestant Methodist Church of Michigan.
 Rev. Horace Palmer, of the Detroit Methodist Episcopal Conference.
 Rev. H. A. Putnam, of the Michigan Yearly Meeting.
 Rev. Seth Reed, of the Detroit Methodist Episcopal Conference.
 Rev. J. E. Roy, Secretary of the A. M. A., Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. William Seabreeze, Rector of Episcopal Church at Flint.
 Prof. H. M. Scott, of Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. H. A. Schauffler, of the Ohio Congregational State Association.
 Rev. Father Taylor, of the Synod of Michigan.
 Rev. J. D. Temple, of the Michigan Baptist Convention.
 Rev. H. S. White, of the Detroit Methodist Episcopal Conference.
 Rev. William Wolf, of the Detroit Methodist Episcopal Conference.

Organization.

The following permanent officers were elected; Moderator, Rev. Edmund B. Fairfield, of Manistee; Assistant Moderator, George A. Smith, of Somerset; Scribe, George M. Lane, of Detroit; Assistant Scribe, Rev. William C. Calland, of St. Louis.

Order of Business.

The printed program prepared by the Business Committee was adopted as the order of the day.

Nominating Committee.

The choice of a Nominating Committee resulted in the election of the following individuals: Rev. Franklin Noble, Rev. Otis B. Waters, Rev. N. Dimic Glidden.

State of the Churches.

The report on the State of the Churches was read by the Secretary, accepted and ordered printed in the Minutes. [See Appendix B.]

Devotional Exercises.

At 10 o'clock, Rev. Moses Smith led the Association in a half hour's devotional service.

Amendments to the Constitution.

An amendment to Article V, of the Constitution, proposed one year since by Rev. D. P. Breed, changing in line three the word "third" to "second;" in effect, changing the time for the annual meeting of the Association from the third to the second week in May, was lost.

Article III, of the Constitution, was amended to read as follows:

"Every church connected with a local Conference or Association in this State is entitled to representation in the General Association by its pastor, if a member—made such by vote—in regular standing in some Association or Conference in connection within the State, and by a delegate chosen for that purpose Any minister, also, who has been made a member by vote of a local Conference or Association in the State, and is in regular standing in such body, is a member of the General Association, and being present at its meetings is entitled to a seat

therein, and a quorum or large number of such ministers or delegates, together with those made members *ex-officio* by the rules, assembled according to Article V, shall constitute the General Association of Michigan.

Adjournment.

The Association adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Second Day—Thursday Afternoon.

The Association was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryder.

The Beacon.

A committee of five was appointed to bring in at their earliest opportunity a report on the State paper, the *Beacon*.

This committee, which was made to consist of H. E. Baker, William Chamberlain, C. A. Gower, E. F. Grabill and Rev. G. H. Wilson, subsequently reported through their chairman, heartily endorsing the *Beacon*, and urging its more general circulation among the membership of the churches throughout the State. It was also voted that the *Beacon* be requested to publish the report in its columns.

Home Missions.

C. A. Gower, in behalf of the Executive Committee of Home Missions, submitted the annual report of the Executive Committee.

Rev. W. H. Ryder, in behalf of the Board of Directors of Home Missions, submitted the following recommendations of the Board.

That we approve of the recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint a State evangelist.

That we approve of the recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint a committee to consider the question of organizing a Training School for candidates for the ministry, to report during this association.

That we recommend that a series of Home Missionary Conventions be held during the coming year under the direction of the Executive Committee.

That we nominate Messrs. A. O. Bement and E. F. Grabill as members of the Executive Committee for the next three years.

That we approve of the articles for the incorporation of the State Association, printed in the minutes of last year, and that we recommend their adoption.

That we recommend the raising of \$17,000 by the churches of this State for the general work of Home Missions the next year in this State.

The recommendation of the Directors for the appointment of an evangelist was approved by the Association, and it was also voted that a committee of five be appointed to report at this meeting of the Association, with reference to the recommendation of the directors for the establishment of a training school for candidates for the ministry.

The following individuals were appointed as such committee: Rev. Leroy Warren, Rev. A. Hastings Ross, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, C. A. Gower and G. R. Gold. This committee subsequently reported through their chairman, Rev. Leroy Warren, recommending that the committee be continued another year for further consideration of the subject, and their report was adopted.

The recommendation of the directors, favoring the holding of a series of Home Missionary Conventions, was approved; the nomination of A. O. Bement and E. F. Grabill as members of the Executive Committee for three years, was confirmed; and the recommendation to raise \$17,000 during the year was adopted. It was also voted that the report of the Executive Committee be accepted and adopted, so far as it relates to the work done during the past year.

The Revision of the Old Testament.

Prof. S. I. Curtiss, of the Chicago Theological Seminary read a paper on "The New Revision of the Old Testament." Following the reading of the paper, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association extend its hearty thanks to Prof. S. I. Curtiss for his admirable paper on the Old Testament Revision, and that he be requested to publish the same in some denominational paper or periodical.

Place of Next Meeting.

Lansing was selected as the place for the next meeting of the Association.

Preacher of Opening Sermon.

A ballot for preacher of the opening sermon resulted in the elec-

tion of Rev. R. M. Higgins, of Calumet, as primary, and Rev. W. C. Calland, of St. Louis, as alternate.

Chicago Theological Seminary.

Prof. H. M. Scott addressed the Association in behalf of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

The Huguenots.

A paper on the "Huguenots—a Bi-centenary Brochure," was presented by E. R. E. Cowell, of Ypsilanti.

Board of Directors of Home Missions.

A Board of Directors of Home Missions, consisting of one member from each Conference or Association, and four members at large, were elected. These individuals were subsequently elected by ballot as trustees of the Corporation, and their names are recorded under such action in the proceedings of the fourth day.

Church Building Society.

Rev. Richard Lewis presented the report of the work of the Congregational Union, or Church Building Society.

A Vote of Thanks.

It was voted that the thanks of the Association be returned to Prof. M. T. Gass, of the State Deaf and Dumb Institute, for his invitation to visit the Institute, and to express the regret that by reason of a press of business the Association is unable to accept, as a body, the invitation.

Soldiers and Sailors.

A request was received from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Michigan requesting the Association to consider the propriety of recommending pastors and churches to hold at least one Sabbath service during the year, with special reference to the interests of the Soldiers and Sailors of our country. It was voted that the attention of pastors be invited to this suggestion. The following resolutions were also subsequently adopted:

Whereas, The commonwealth of Michigan has large and growing numbers of her citizens engaged in navigation, and

Whereas, There is another large portion of Michigan's sons in the military organizations and G. A. R. Posts of the State, and

Whereas, This is an age of specialties, and good is done along the lines of special conditions; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to all our Churches the observance, each year, of some Lord's Day services in the interest of soldiers and sailors, and for the sake of uniformity, we propose the Sabbath in most immediate connection with annual Decoration Day, May 30, for such services.

Adjournment.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. T. Waterman.

Second Day—Thursday Evening.

The introductory exercises were conducted by Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, D.D.

Foreign Missions.

Rev. Moses Smith, State Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D.D., District Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., and Rev. E. K. Alden, D.D., Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., addressed the Association in behalf of Foreign Missions.

American Missionary Association.

Miss D. E. Emerson, Secretary of the Woman's Bureau of the A. M. A., and Rev. J. E. Roy, D.D., Western Secretary, presented the interests of the American Missionary Association.

The session closed with the singing of the doxology, and with the benediction by Rev. J. E. Roy, D.D.

Third Day—Friday Morning.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and accepted.

A Memorial from Kalamazoo Association.

The Business Committee presented the following memorial from the Kalamazoo Association:

"Whereas, There is a growing feeling on the part of our churches that there is need of a uniform course of study, as supplementary to Sabbath school instruction; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Kalamazoo Association request the General Association to appoint a committee on Normal Instruction, which shall recommend to the churches a uniform course of normal training in the evidences, doctrine and practice of religion."

The memorial was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. I. W. McKeever, Rev. D. N. Goodrich and L. S. Ellis, to report at the next meeting of the Association.

Delegates to National Council.

The Association elected, as delegates to the National Council, Rev. A. Hastings Ross, C. A. Gower and Rev. W. H. Ryder. Subsequently, the following alternate delegates were elected: Rev. L. B. Platt, E. F. Grabill and A. O. Bement.

Ministerial Relief Society.

Rev. W. B. Williams, Treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Society, presented the annual report of that Society. The report was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY, MADE TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN FLINT IN MAY, 1886 :

This Society had on its list of beneficiaries during the past year six families. Two members of these households have passed away during the year. One of them, a widow, has received from this Society in all \$280.86, and but for this aid would have been compelled to go to the Poor House, for she had no relatives who could relieve her.

With the exception of the two who have passed away, our list of beneficiaries will be the same this year as last, with the certainty that every year will add to the infirmities, and to the wants of those that remain. One of these is an aged widow, who has been bed-ridden for years, and a great sufferer. If the necessities of these families should not increase at all during the year, we shall need not less than \$500. If, in any family, there should be unusual sickness, more will be required.

At the last meeting of this Association the treasury had been overdrawn \$9.97. The receipts since have been \$436.29, and only seventeen churches gave anything. \$135.24 came in from private parties.

The disbursements for the year have been \$417.17, leaving a balance on hand at this date of \$9.15. The expenses of the Society for administration have been \$1.42, or about a third of one per cent. of the money received.

The churches of this State have contributed for this cause as follows:

In 1883-----	\$284 55
" 1884-----	495 05
" 1885-----	496 33
" 1886-----	436 29

There would have been a great falling off in our receipts if a gentleman had not quietly sent us \$100.

The sum needed for the comfort of these aged saints is but trifling when divided among all our churches. What is needed is a constant dropping of small sums into the treasury. If every church would send to the Society one of their communion service collections each year, it would probably be sufficient. Will not this plan commend itself to all our churches? Shall it not be done?

This report has been read to the Board of Trustees, and approved by them, and to it the auditors append the following report:

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of W. B. Williams, Treasurer, down to this date, and compared them with the vouchers and find them correct.

A. O. BEMENT,
E. F. GRABILL, } *Auditing Committee.*
C. A. GOWER, *President.*
W. B. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

FLINT, MICH., May 19, 1886.

Saginaw Conference.

Upon the recommendation of the Business Committee, the Saginaw Conference was received into the General Association.

Revised Version.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the General Association earnestly commend to the churches and families the use of the Revised Version of the Bible.

Devotional Exercises.

The half hour devotional exercises at 10 o'clock were led by Rev. S. Gilbert, D.D., of Chicago.

Probation—Its Conditions and Limitations.

A paper upon the above topic was read by President Fairchild, of Oberlin College.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to President J. H. Fairchild for the very excellent and satisfactory paper on Probation, and also that President Fairchild be requested to furnish the same to some one of the denominational papers or periodicals for publication.

Oberlin Theological Seminary.

Rev. Franklin Noble, of the Committee appointed to visit Oberlin Theological Seminary, reported in behalf of that institution; and by request, President Fairchild followed with a verbal report of the work of the institution and its alumni.

American College and Education Society.

Rev. T. Y. Gardner presented the interests of the American College and Education Society.

Committees.

The Nominating Committee reported a full list of committees, and their report was adopted. These committees and the names of their members are recorded on pages VI and VII under the Officers and Committees of the General Association.

Amendment to the Constitution.

The consideration of the amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution, proposed at the last meeting of the Association, by Rev. C. O. Brown, was postponed until next year. The amendment is as follows:

1. There shall be chosen each year a Program Committee of five members, one of whom shall be the minister of the church with which the Association votes next to meet. This committee shall cause to be offered to the Association such papers on doctrine, duty and polity, and to present such topics for discussion as they may deem expedient; and they shall make arrangements for all the missionary and other public meetings to be held by the Association; and it shall be the duty of this committee to provide for at least one hour of miscellaneous exercises each day of the session.
2. There shall be a Business Committee of three members, one of whom shall be the pastor of the church with which the Associa-

tion votes next to meet, elected at the opening of each meeting next after the choice of Moderator and Scribe, who shall prepare an order of Business for each session, placing a docket of the same in the hands of the Moderator.

Adjournment.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. B. Howard.

Third Day—Friday Afternoon.

The Association was opened with prayer by Rev. A. M. McConnoughay.

Oberlin Professorship.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. W. H. Ryder, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Association that the authorities of the Oberlin Theological Seminary should make an earnest effort to raise during the coming year the \$20,000 still needed to complete the endowment of the Michigan Professorship in that important Seminary.

Designation of Ministerial Relation.

The following recommendation made by Rev. A. Hastings Ross, at the last meeting of the Association, and consideration of which was deferred until this meeting, was adopted:

Drop all distinction in the Statistical Tables between "pastors" and "acting pastors;" enroll all in connection with Congregational Associations or Conferences within the State, whose membership therein has been effected on credentials by the vote of said bodies; designate all others according to fact, as connected with another Association, Conference or Denomination, unconnected, or expelled; and record all ministers in connection, under Tables of Associational Membership, and in Alphabetical List, as at present.

Articles of Incorporation.

The articles of incorporation, as proposed at the last meeting, and recorded in the proceedings of 1885, pages 38 to 41, Appendix D., were adopted.

Use of Tobacco.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the use of tobacco is both physically and morally detrimental, and that its sale or gift to minors should be prohibited by legislation.

Resolved, That this Association respectfully, but earnestly, request the legislature of Michigan, at its next session, to enact such prohibitory legislation.

Resolved, That the Moderator of this body appoint a committee of one to present this resolution of request to the legislature at its next session.

Rev. A. B. Allen was appointed as such committee.

Notice of Amendment to Constitution.

Rev. John P. Sanderson gave notice of an amendment to the Constitution, to be considered at the next annual meeting, viz: In Article VII, Section 3, omit all words before "the Scribe," etc., in the third line, and substitute for the words, "this committee," in the seventh line, "to the Secretary, who," and insert after the word "form," in the eighth line, the words, "these narratives."

The Church and Labor Question.

Rev. A. S. Kedzie read a paper upon "The Church and Labor Question."

New West Education Commission.

Rev. C. R. Bliss, D.D., Secretary of the New West Education Commission, presented the interests of that organization. A committee, consisting of Rev. W. H. Davis and Rev. Alex. R. Merriam, was appointed on Mormonism, which subsequently submitted the following resolutions:

Your Committee on Mormonism report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the Congregational Churches of our General Association of Michigan, express our hearty sympathy with all governmental measures looking to the civic suppression of the Mormon iniquity which has rooted itself in our body politic; and we also earnestly deprecate any apparent abatement of the present aggressive policy of the administration.

2d. That to the radical cure of this evil, other than governmental measures are necessary; and, therefore, we heartily recommend the work of the New West Education Commission and kindred agencies, and urge our churches to help on this important Christian work.

(Signed)

WM. H. DAVIS,
ALEX. R. MERRIAM.

Temperance.

Rev. Seth Reed, of the Flint District of the Detroit Methodist Episcopal Conference, addressed the Association with reference to the work of the Flint Christian Temperance Union.

Rev. R. M. Keyes presented a paper upon the subject of Temperance.

A special committee on Temperance, consisting of Rev. Moses Smith and Rev. John Patchin, was appointed, which subsequently reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, as in the past so to-day, the Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers stands unequivocally upon the Word of God in denouncing the awful sin and shame which through the use of intoxicating drinks have cursed the world from the days of Noah until now.

Resolved, That we bless God for the grand army of faithful laborers which in growing numbers has been raised up along the centuries to oppose in various methods this stupendous crime, and especially for the large success which in our own land and time has attended the efforts of noble men and women in instructing the young, reclaiming the fallen and protecting society.

Resolved, That as Christians and philanthropists, we renewedly pledge ourselves that, according as God gives us grace to see the way, we will not cease to labor and pray for the time when throughout our broad land not only shall prohibition be established by legislation or constitutional provision, but also and especially when the united sentiment of all good people shall conspire to make efficient this and all righteous legislation.

The American Peace Society.

Rev. R. B. Howard presented the interests of the American Peace Society. The following resolution, presented by Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have listened with interest and satisfaction to the address of Rev. R. B. Howard, Secretary of the American Peace Society, setting forth its earnest efforts to avert foreign wars and domestic strife.

We would hereby cordially commend that Society, as recommended by its Secretary, to the confidence and co-operation of our churches in Michigan and to the Christian people of America, in its efforts to hasten the day when "nations shall learn war no more."

Woman's State Home Missionary Society.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That a succinct and comprehensive summary of the Minutes of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Michigan for the past three years, and the regular

annual report of this Society for the past year, be published in the Minutes of this Association.

Election of Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. John P. Sanderson was elected as Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, for the next three years.

Adjournment.

The Association adjourned with singing, and with prayer by the Moderator.

Third Day—Friday Evening.

Home Missions.

Rev. Franklin Noble led the opening exercises, after which the cause of Home Missions was presented in addresses by Rev. Leroy Warren, State Superintendent of Home Missions, Rev. W. H. Davis, of Detroit, and Rev. W. M. Barrows, D. D., Secretary of the A. H. M. S.

The session was closed with the Benediction by Rev. Leroy Warren.

Fourth Day—Saturday Morning.

The Association was opened with prayer by Rev. H. C. Hurlbut.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the preceding day were read, corrected and approved.

Salary of Secretary and Treasurer.

According to notice given at the previous session, Rule 12 was changed, so far as it relates to the compensation of the Secretary and Treasurer, to read, "His annual compensation shall be \$200."

Completing the Incorporation.

The following resolutions, completing the incorporation of the Association, were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the present Board of Directors for Home Missions be enlarged by the addition of two laymen.

2. That the several persons composing the said Board of Directors, so enlarged, be elected by ballot Trustees of this Association, when incorporated.

3. That the said persons be instructed to organize as a Board of Trustees, according to the provisions of the Articles and Rules of Incorporation.

4. That they act as a Board of Directors and Executive Committee under "Our Plan of Conducting Home Missions," until the incorporation of this Association shall be completed, but thereafter as Trustees of this incorporated body.

5. That the Michigan Congregational Ministerial Relief Society be respectfully requested to transfer its work and interests and funds to the Trustees of this incorporated Association.

6. That the Articles of Incorporation and Rules for the Board of Trustees, together with the names of the Trustees and of their officers, be published in the proper place in the minutes.

Subsequently the following individuals were unanimously elected as Trustees of the Incorporation:

Cheboygan Conference—Rev. P. F. McClelland.

Chippewa and Mackinac Conference—Frank Hulbert.

Eastern Conference—Rev. A. Hastings Ross.

Genesee Conference—Rev. A. T. Waterman.

Grand River Conference—H. J. Hollister.

Grand Traverse Conference—Rev. O. B. Waters.

Jackson Conference—Rev. W. H. Ryder.

Kalamazoo Association—George Parsons.

Lake Superior Conference—Rev. R. M. Higgins.

Lansing Association—Rev. J. L. Patton.

Muskegon Association—Rev. A. H. Norris.

Northern Central Conference—Rev. E. B. Fairfield.

Olivet Conference—Rev. W. B. Williams.

Saginaw Conference—Rev. Franklin Noble.

Southern Michigan Conference—Rev. E. T. Branch.

At Large—H. E. Baker, A. O. Bement, William Chamberlain, C. A. Gower, E. F. Grabill and George A. Smith.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer made his annual report, which was referred to the Finance Committee. [See Appendix A.]

The Treasurer also recommended that the Scribes of the Conferences indebted to the treasury of the National Council be urged

to secure the balance now due, and that any deficit existing on the first day of October, be made good by a transfer of such amount from the State account to the National Council account, and that this amount be added to the assessment on these Conferences next year. The Treasurer also recommended that a tax of \$475 be raised for State purposes.

The Finance Committee subsequently reported as follows:

The Finance Committee has examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Association, and found them correct.

In General Fund-----	\$419 36
National Council Fund-----	389 99
Total-----	\$809 35

We recommend the following apportionment to the different Conferences and Associations:

Cheboygan Conference-----	\$14 25
Chippewa and Mackinac Conference-----	3 15
Eastern Conference-----	80 07
Genesee and Saginaw Conferences-----	63 72
Grand River Conference-----	45 24
Grand Traverse Conference-----	14 01
Jackson Conference-----	51 78
Kalamazoo Association-----	57 66
Lake Superior Conference-----	13 41
Lansing Association-----	33 15
Muskegon Association-----	17 40
Northern Central Conference-----	20 79
Olivet Conference-----	38 22
Southern Michigan Conference-----	29 46

M. A. BULLOCK,
H. MONTAGUE,
Finance Committee.

Christian Education.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was submitted by Rev. George H. Wilson, and was ordered printed in the Minutes.

Your Special Committee on Education present the following as its report:

It calls attention to the fact that it was created in view of the anxiety with which the Association looked upon the apparent decline in ministerial education as shown in the diminished number of candidates for the ministry, and

of beneficiaries of the American Education Society. It recognized the necessity of an educated ministry, and that, to a large extent, the want had been met by the continuous beneficence of this Society. The dependence of our churches, in their home and foreign work, upon its continuance and support was declared, and it was declared that the time had come when the claims of the Society should be presented more fully to our churches, and collections of money taken for it.

It was also declared desirous that the churches be made acquainted with the nature and object of the Society as a means of directing the attention of young men to the Christian ministry. It was deemed the duty of our churches to make our contributions equal, if we can, to the amount of money yearly expended in the State by the Society. Such, in general, was the action of the Association, and its direction to the Committee.

With each of these utterances the Committee report itself in profound sympathy. The Society has on its list of beneficiaries, at present, nine from our State. These have received during the year six hundred dollars, while the churches have contributed nearly that amount.

The cause has been presented through the *Beacon*, by a circular statement and autograph letters sent through this Committee to nearly all the churches, and by the agent of the Society for Ohio and Michigan. About twenty churches have contributed to the cause, and some have placed this among the causes to be assisted by an annual collection. Otherwise the appeals have been treated with respectful silence.

In seeking to discover the feeling of the churches relative to the cause, your Committee have found a questioning on the part of some as to whether that thoroughness of education which the Society seeks to foster does not unfit men for the work of our smaller churches. This is simply that old question of the effect of separating young men from the world far enough and long enough to enable them to pursue a full course of study, plus the question of what constitutes the best kind of an education for the ministry. Whatever tends to educate our young men from, rather than toward the people in their sympathies and powers of adaptation is to be regretted. It does not belong to your committee to more than recognize the fact of an objection to the Society thus raised, and reply that it belongs to the Colleges and Seminaries, and not to the Society, to right it.

The Society recognizes the possession of scholarship sufficient for membership in our Seminaries as the educational qualification for aid from its treasury. If our Seminaries fail to find a place for those whose course of study must be abridged, and from that fact are inadequate to meet the wants of the churches, that in no sense lessens the need of a class of men who shall be fully armed and equipped with the very best training that can be given.

A careful study of the requirements of our Seminaries on the one hand and the policy of the Society on the other, will probably satisfy most minds that the Society takes a middle course. It does not use the money committed to it in assisting post-graduate students, but it may use it in assisting under-graduates and married men.

Yet it aims, as in duty bound, to furnish a ministry equipped with the mental discipline which our Colleges and Seminaries combine to give. So far then as

the feeling alluded to relates to this Society, it has very little, if any meaning, while its real worth cannot be ignored by a ministry so large a proportion of whom have been the recipients of its aid. The objection means far less when we consider that the genius of our churches permits the ordination of a man to the ranks of the ministry by act of council.

If the trouble lies in the fact that the larger churches absorb the men educated under the fostering care of the Society, then the want is more men than these churches can absorb.

Instead of supplying the few for the large churches should we not enter all our churches and search out such as seem fitted by nature and encourage them to enter the ministry by the path of the wisest and most thorough course possible?

In view of the conditions thus referred to, your committee heartily recommend that the nature and work, as well as the needs of the American College and Education Society, be presented to the churches by the pastors, even if not deemed wise to press for a collection, but the pastors arrange some plan by which any who wish may contribute to the work.

Your Committee would heartily commend to the churches Rev. T. Y. Gardner, the agent for the Society for Ohio and Michigan.

Above all would we lay it upon the hearts of this Association to pray as never before that the Lord of the harvest send more laborers into the harvest.

In behalf of the Committee,

GEO. H. WILSON.

Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

The interests of this Society were presented by Secretary A. E. Dunning.

Devotional Exercises.

The half hour devotional exercises were led by Rev. I. W. McKeever.

Olivet College.

The report of the committee appointed to visit Olivet College was presented by Rev. W. H. Davis.

Home Missionary Crutches.

Rev. C. H. Beale read a paper on "Home Missionary Crutches," or, "The Desirability of Reaching Self-Support as soon as Possible"

Definition of Statistical Terms.

The Committee on Definition of Statistical Terms submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was entrusted the task of preparing a definition of the term "Absent Members," and the term "Benevolences," report as follows:

That they have given the matter their careful attention, and yet have not been able to prepare definitions which are ideally perfect, or that will cover all the cases which may arise in our churches. But they do think that the definitions, which they hereby offer, if understood and followed by the churches, will help to make our "statistics" more clear, and so more trustworthy.

Your Committee would define "Absent Members" as follows:

Absent Members are such as have removed their residence beyond the natural limits of the parish in which the church is located for one year, from which, however, the following persons should be excepted: Such as are away at school or college, such as are on extended journeys, and such as are temporarily absent engaged in some work, nursing the afflicted, etc.

The Committee would present the following as their definition of "Benevolences:"

The term "Benevolences" should embrace all gifts to the cause of Christ outside regular church maintenance, such as to our recognized denominational benevolent societies and Christian educational institutions, provided always that such gifts shall have passed through the hands of the treasurer or treasurers of the church, or have been reported to him or them at the time for record; and that all other gifts should be tabulated under the head of "Other Benevolences," or "Special Benevolences."

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of these definitions by the Association, and that the Secretary of this body be instructed to send copies of the same to all the churches of the State.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. W. WALLACE,
Chairman of Committee.

Adjournment.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. F. Waldo.

Fourth Day—Saturday Afternoon.

The Association was opened with singing, and with prayer by Rev. C. F. Van Auken.

Sabbath Services.

The report on Sabbath services was presented by Rev. L. B. Platt, and was adopted.

Congregational Church—Morning, Rev. E. B. Fairfield, Manistee;

Evening, Rev. B. F. Sargent, Grand Rapids, Rev. W. C. Calland, of St. Louis, and Rev. L. O. Lee, Marash, Turkey.

Presbyterian Church—Morning, Secretary A. E. Dunning, Boston; Evening, Rev. C. H. Keays, Grand Haven.

Methodist Church, Court Street—Morning, Rev. A. B. Allen, Detroit; Evening, Rev. D. P. Breed, Portland.

Methodist Church, Garland Street—Morning, Rev. Robert Stapleton, Grand Rapids; Evening, Rev. M. A. Bullock, South Haven.

Baptist Church, Garland Street—Morning, Rev. R. M. Keyes, Ludington.

State Institution for Deaf and Dumb—3:00 p. m., Rev. W. S. Bugbey, Cheboygan.

Communion Service—Rev. P. R. Hurd, of Detroit; Rev. L. F. Waldo, Pentwater. Deacons: G. M. Lane, Detroit, Edwin Cook, Franklin, W. R. Martin, Vermontville, Lorrin Mills, Ann Arbor.

Necrology.

The report on Necrology was read by Rev. D. P. Breed, and was ordered printed in the Minutes. [See Appendix C.]

State Sunday School Work.

Rev. E. W. Miller, missionary superintendent of the Sunday schools of Michigan, made a report relative to the work in the State.

The Beacon.

Rev. A. T. Waterman read a report upon the interests of the *Beacon*.

Sabbath Observance.

The committee previously appointed on Sabbath Observance submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, We believe that the sacred observance of the Lord's day by all the people of this land to be not only divinely enjoined, but also absolutely essential to the preservation and welfare of our Republic; therefore as an Association we resolve,

1. That we deprecate the publication and circulation of secular newspapers upon that day.

2. That we protest against the running of passenger and freight trains and steamboat excursions on the Sabbath.

3. That we urge upon the government a cessation of the carrying and delivery of the mails upon Sunday.

4. That it is desirable, in view of the effect late hours of service have upon the Sabbath observance, that all business firms close their stores at an earlier hour on Saturday night.

And, lastly, that as Christians we will be careful to present a more exemplary method of observing the Lord's day, in regular attendance upon public worship and study of the Scriptures, and in discountenancing worldly reading and conversation and traveling and riding for pleasure.

R. M. KEYES,
ROBERT STAPLETON,
Committee.

Notice of an Amendment to the Constitution.

Rev. B. F. Sargent gave notice of the following amendment to Article V of the Constitution, viz: For the word "Wednesday," in the third line, substitute "Friday," and for the word "Sabbath," in the fifth line, substitute "Tuesday."

Adjournment.

After the reading and correcting of the Minutes, the Association adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

Fourth Day—Saturday Evening.

The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Allen, of Leslie. Rev. A. B. Allen, of Detroit, read a paper on Auxiliaries to Church Work. A discussion followed, and was participated in by Secretary A. E. Dunning, Rev. W. C. Calland, Rev. Wm. Sidebotham, Rev. F. W. Bush, Rev. Robert Stapleton and Rev. Wm. Hollinshed.

Sunday.

The services, as reported by the Committee on Religious Observances, were observed. In the evening the Association was addressed by Rev. B. F. Sargent and Rev. W. C. Calland, after which Rev. L. O. Lee, of Marash, Turkey, gave an account of the work in that country.

Thanks.

The following resolutions, presented by Rev. W. H. Brewster, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we give devout thanks to Him from "whom cometh every good and perfect gift," for His care over us while on our way to the Association; for the good news from the churches cheering our hearts, and the delightful Christian fellowship we have enjoyed during our session.

Resolved, That our thanks are presented to the pastor and members of this church in whose house of worship our sessions have been held; to the committee who provided for our entertainment with much painstaking, thus contributing to our comfort during the meeting.

Resolved, That our especial gratitude is due to the citizens of this beautiful city, who have welcomed us to their homes, and large hospitality during our stay.

Resolved, That we recognize our obligations to the choir, who have so efficiently led our service of praise, to the Presbyterian church for the use of their chapel, to the press of the city and to the railroad companies for courtesies extended to us, the former in reporting our doings, and the latter in the reduction of rates on the various roads.

The pastor, Rev. L. B. Platt, responded in brief remarks and pronounced the benediction, and the Association stood adjourned *sine die*.

EDMUND B. FAIRFIELD, *Moderator.*

GEORGE A. SMITH, *Assistant Moderator.*

GEORGE M. LANE, *Scribe.*

WM. C. CALLAND, *Assistant Scribe.*

APPENDIX.

A.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN,

In account with JOHN P. SANDERSON, Treasurer.

CR.

1885. May 22.	By Balance on hand -----	\$381 89
July 14.	" Northern Central Conference -----	14 53
1886. Apr. 22.	" Olivet Conference -----	32 98
May 3.	" Eastern Conference -----	73 53
"	" Grand River Conference -----	40 61
"	" Lake Superior Conference-----	10 28
" 4.	" Northern Central Conference-----	17 33
" 12.	" Chippewa and Mackinac Conference -----	2 84
" 14.	" Muskegon Association-----	15 57
" 20.	" Jackson Conference -----	47 19
"	" Kalamazoo Association-----	51 28
"	" Cheboygan Conference-----	11 61
"	" Genesee Conference-----	56 27
"	" Southern Michigan Conference-----	27 80
"	" Grand Traverse Conference-----	12 38
"	" Lansing Association-----	29 59
	Total-----	\$825 68

DR.

1885-6. To Postage -----	\$ 35 98
" Express-----	12 44
" Minutes, Schedules and Stationery -----	245 90
" Railroad Permits-----	3 00
" Salary of Secretary-----	100 00
" Business Committee -----	9 00
" Balance on hand-----	419 36
	\$825 68

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL,

In account with JOHN P. SANDERSON, Treasurer M. C. A.

CR.

1885.	May 24.	By Balance on hand-----	\$271 86
	June 11.	" Genesee Conference -----	1 70
		" Southern Michigan Conference-----	15 00
	July 14.	" Northern Central Conference-----	1 00
	" 15.	" Lansing Association-----	9 82
	" 17.	" Southern Michigan Conference-----	2 06
1885.	July 23.	" Northern Central Conference-----	12 46
1886.	Mar. 22.	" Muskegon Association-----	12 92
1886.	Apr. 22.	" Olivet Conference-----	10 18
	May 1.	" Olivet Conference-----	19 72
		" Eastern Conference-----	64 54
	3.	" Grand River Conference-----	23 52
		" Lake Superior Conference-----	7 92
	5.	" Eastern Conference-----	6 80
	12.	" Chippewa and Mackinac Conference-----	2 28
		" Northern Central Conference-----	14 70
	14.	" Muskegon Association-----	12 30
	19.	" Jackson Conference-----	38 52
	20.	" Kalamazoo Association, <i>arrears</i> -----	35 00
		" Kalamazoo Association-----	41 92
		" Cheboygan Conference-----	9 22
		" Genesee Conference-----	46 80
		" Genesee Conference, <i>arrears</i> -----	3 02
		" Grand Traverse Conference-----	10 84
		" Grand Traverse Conference, <i>arrears</i> -----	12 16
		" Southern Michigan Conference-----	23 14
		" Lansing Association -----	7 41
		Total-----	\$716 81

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1885.	July 6.	To Cash as per voucher 327 -----	\$288 56
1886.	Mar. 29.	" Cash as per voucher 388-----	38 26
		Balance on hand-----	389 99

\$716 81

B.REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The Associational year ended with the 31st of March. There has been a most gratifying progress during the year. The material and spiritual interests alike have been fostered, and possibly the record of no previous year would show as marked progress in the various departments of church activity. The membership of the churches has received a net gain of about 1,100, which is largely in excess of the usual increase. The last three years has shown an upward movement in this respect. The total membership in 1882 was no larger than it was in 1878; in 1883 there was a gain of 552; in 1884 a gain of 721; in 1885 a gain of 440, and this year of 1,100 or more. Our membership now approximates 20,000, and is increasing annually in much grater ratio than is the population of the State. This result indicates a spiritual interest in many sections of the State. Some of the churches received accessions of 50, 75 and 100, and a larger number than usual report accessions of 25 and above. It is worthy of note that the gain of more than 1,100 members has been due, in a large measure, to the revival influence felt in many of our churches, and for this result the services of our brother evangelists deserve most grateful recognition. All of these brethren have done good work. Mr. L. P. Rowland's labors have been greatly blessed in the churches, and he has received the uniform and hearty commendation of the pastors with whom he has labored. Two churches disappear in the Scribe's reports; the church at Ganges, in Kalamazoo Association, and the church at North Johnstown, in the Olivet Conference. But thirteen churches have been added to the roll, viz: Ashley, Athens, Berlamont, Chippewa Lake, Eastport, Gilead, Harper Avenue, Hayes, Horton's Bay, Hay Lake, Leonidas, Rockwood and Watervliet. The total number of churches enrolled is 280. Some other churches have been provision-

ally organized, but are not as yet enrolled. The development of the material interests has also been noticeable. New churches have been erected or secured at Ashley, Bangor, Breckenridge, Chester Station, Hartford, Leonidas, Leslie, Nashville, Pine Grove, Watervliet and Wolverine; while a large number of the churches have remodeled and repaired their church buildings. A few parsonages have also been erected. Eight of the churches which have been dependent on home missionary aid have assumed self-support, viz: Cadillac, Douglas, Frankfort, Grand Haven, Lake Linden, Reed City, Wacousta and Delta.

The benevolences of the churches have also been well maintained. The maximum figure of \$52,000, which was reached last year, is likely to be exceeded this year; while the contributions for home missions are greater than ever before; the other benevolent causes do not appear to suffer any diminution in their receipts from our churches.

The organization of Societies of Christian Endeavor, which was inaugurated a little more than a year ago, has prevailed more largely during the year, and has been resultant of great good in calling the young Christains into personal activity and in increasing the number of conversions. Possibly, for this reason, the report made last year that nearly 100 of the churches did not report a single addition on confession of faith does not need to be repeated this year, but that 50 or more still exist is cause for humiliation and for serious self-examination by these churches.

There are slight evidences of a little greater permanence in the pastoral relation. Though there are frequent changes, the length of pastoral service is slightly on the increase. Several of the pastors, after a service of years, have given emphasis to the need of longer pastorates by being formally installed.

The Conferences in order present the following results:

Cheboygan Conference.

The Cheboygan Conference has received three churches into its fellowship during the year, one at Eastport, one at Horton's Bay and one at Hayes. Two others, one at Ironton and one at Omena, have been provisionally organized, but are not as yet added to the roll. There have been no churches dropped from the roll, but one or two are very feeble. The older and stronger churches of the

Conference are especially prosperous. Several valuable additions have been made to the pastoral force of the Conference. One of the most encouraging evidences of growth and permanent prosperity is the erection of houses of worship. A few years since few of these churches were housed, now all but four worship under their own roof, and of the remaining four, two or three will build during the coming summer. The twenty-one churches are grouped together into twelve parishes. The churches at Charlevoix and Vanderbilt have been blessed with a revival. Cheboygan has secured a permanent pastor, and rejoices in the prospect of fruitful labor. Eastport, though only ten months old, has begun to build.

Chippewa and Mackinac Conference.

The reports from this Conference are too meagre to tabulate results which will be of very great value. Only two of the church clerks have responded to the scribe's appeal for information. Newberry has been without preaching for eight months, owing to the illness of the pastor. St. Ignace has prospered under the pastoral care of its new pastor. A new church, Hay Lake, has been organized. The returns so far as received, indicate about the same numerical strength as last year. A new church edifice has been erected at Pine Grove. The advent of a general missionary in this section of the State is likely to give a new impetus to the work of this Conference.

Eastern Conference.

The Eastern Conference again takes the lead as the largest of the Conferences by the addition of the new churches at Harper Avenue, Detroit, and Rockwood. The question of dividing the Conference is being considered. The reports from the churches reveal a wide diversity in their spiritual condition. The Detroit churches report an increase in membership of seventy-two, but the remaining churches of the Conference report a loss of thirty-six, making a net gain of only thirty-six. The growth in many parts of the State has not been shared by this Conference. One-third of the churches fail to report a single accession on confession of faith. The Trumbull Avenue and Woodward Avenue, Detroit, churches added largely to their membership; the First church, Detroit, has reduced its membership by a careful revision of its roll. Imlay

City, Memphis, New Haven, Royal Oak, Flat Rock and Rockwood, report revivals of great interest. Eleven of the churches are pastorless. The churches at Bruce, Lexington, Nankin, Ray and Port Sanilac have little more than a name to live. Orion and Oakwood are greatly depressed. Rochester and Armada are suffering from dissension. Port Huron, Romeo, Chesterfield, and other churches report substantial progress. Port Huron has greatly improved its house of worship, as has also Pontiac, which is recovering from the difficulties of the past and is prospering. The church at New Baltimore manifests an awakened interest. The benevolences of the Conference aggregate more than \$19,000, an advance of \$6,000 over last year.

Genesee Conference.

While not without severe trials to some of the churches, the past year has been, as a whole, one of considerable advance in several lines of church work. A church has been organized at Ashley, and with its pastor has united with the Conference. Houses of worship have been finished and dedicated at Breckenridge and at Grand Blanc. In the latter place a house and site that did not accommodate the congregation were abandoned for a new site and a new house, dedicated with no debt to provide for at the close. The building at Alma, long waited for, is moving slowly toward completion. Two other churches propose to build the coming season.

Several of the churches report seasons of refreshing more or less extensive, notably that at Breckenridge, where an extensive and sweeping revival was conducted by the pastor, aided a part of the time by evangelist J. D. Potter. A total of 425 additions on profession is reported with a net gain of 281, upwards of eleven per cent. on last year's members.

With two exceptions the churches are supplied with pastors. Twelve of these churches have been served by the present pastors less than one year. On April 1, 1886, the average duration of pastorates in thirty-four churches was a little less than one year, nine and one-half months.

A gratifying advance of several hundred dollars in home missionary gifts is reported.

Genesee Conference has long been the largest in the State in territorial extent, and for two years in the number of churches.

This fact led to action at last for the formation of the new Saginaw Conference out of the northern part, having its southern limits near the south line of Saginaw and Gratiot counties; but the formation of this new Conference was not consummated till the present month.

Grand River Conference.

The religious condition of most of the churches of this Conference is encouraging. The additions by profession are considerably larger than for the previous year. While a few churches are weak and in a state of depression, other weak churches show an increase in vitality. In nearly all good spiritual work is in progress. Ada 1st and 2nd, Alpine and Walker, Bradley, Cannon, Cannonsburg, Hudsonville, have enjoyed a season of revival. Allendale, Alpine and Walker, Eastmanville and Lamont report special interest in the Sunday school. Six of the churches are without pastors. Paris hopes to build a house of worship during the summer. The Grand Rapids churches all show signs of progress. The First church has had a gain of twenty-four members. Her mission efforts are admirably sustained, the newest of them rapidly developing and becoming another stronghold in a hitherto neglected part of the city. The Second church is making sure progress amid peculiar difficulties. Her membership is increased by eleven, and numbers 100. The South church has enjoyed an awakening under the lead of Mr. Harry Sayles. It is about to move its building to an adjacent lot and enlarge, to accommodate its growing numbers. The Conference has increased its membership by eighty-six. Its benevolences aggregate \$3,421.07.

Grand Traverse Conference.

The Grand Traverse Conference shows a substantial growth during the year. It has a net gain of 98 in its membership, the largest per centage of gain made by any of the Conferences. The churches at Frankfort and Homestead report large accessions. Traverse City has had a prosperous year and has remodeled its church edifice. Benzonia and Onekama are building houses of worship, and Homestead and Gilmore are planning to build. Empire is feeble. Joyfield is virtually dead, though not formally disbanded. Most of these churches are poor, and consequently the benevolences are not large, but are in excess of the sum secured last year.

Jackson Conference.

Jackson Conference, as usual, reports a steady growth. It has had a net gain of 64 in membership, and an increase of more than \$3,000 in its benevolences. Most of the churches have had large accessions to their numbers, notably the churches at Ann Arbor and Chelsea. Chelsea, Napoleon, North Leoni and Ypsilanti have enjoyed a season of revival. Leslie has become self-supporting and has dedicated its new edifice free of debt. Summit expects to build during the coming year. None of the churches are without a pastor. The total benevolences of the Conference are \$9,682.50.

Kalamazoo Association.

The Kalamazoo Association has added four new churches to its roll, viz: Athens, Berlamont, Leonidas and Watervliet, making 31 churches in all, and is discussing the question of a division of the Association. Remarkable progress has been made the past few years among the young churches in the western part of the Association. The church at Bangor, three years of age, has dedicated a beautiful church at a cost of \$2,500, and finds its work growing; Douglas, also but three years old, has become self-supporting. Hartford, organized less than two years ago, has dedicated a beautiful church, and has had encouraging growth. Watervliet, organized January 23, 1885, dedicated its church building on the 3d of February, free of debt. Benton Harbor is planning to build. Leonidas has also secured a house of worship. Only four of the churches are without pastors. The churches at South Haven, Three Oaks and St. Joseph all report religious interest and many conversions. The entire Association has enjoyed spiritual quickening and growth. Augusta is pastorless and discouraged, and Keeler is feeble. Kalamazoo hopes to be supplied with a pastor at an early day. The fruits of the religious interest in this Association are seen in the net gain of 358 members, and a substantial gain in the benevolences.

Lake Superior Conference.

This Conference comprises only the three churches of Calumet, Hancock and Lake Linden, but each year manifests increasing vigor and usefulness. The churches maintain a steady growth. The membership of these churches has increased 62, and the bene-

olences have aggregated \$2,636.09. The church at Hancock have greatly enlarged and beautified their church edifice; the church at Calumet are also remodeling their church. Lake Linden, organized a little more than two years ago, has become self-supporting, is preparing to build, and has contributed nearly \$400 to benevolences.

Lansing Association.

Growth and substantial prosperity have marked the history of these churches the past year. Extensive revivals of religion have occurred in Greenville, Sheridan and Delta, and revivals of lesser note have blessed several other churches. In some cases the membership has been increased more than an hundred per cent., while the additions to the whole exceed that of the previous, perhaps of any previous year. The church in Sheridan, strengthened by a remarkable work of grace, has entered upon the work of church building. Portland has been relieved from a long-standing and troublesome debt. Lansing awaits in expectation the coming of its pastor-elect, and is ready for effective work. The benevolences of the churches show a decided gain over last year. The holding of Sunday school institutes in connection with the meetings of the Association has become an established practice, and its results appear in a deepened interest and a greater efficiency in this department of church work. No changes in pastorates have taken place within the year.

Muskegon Association.

There has been a general change of pastors in this Association, only four of the pastors of last year still remain. The year has been marked with general religious interest. There has been a decided gain in the number of additions on confession, but the net gain of membership in the Conference is only 16. The benevolences have decreased in the larger churches, but have proportionately increased in the smaller churches. Grand Haven and Newaygo have completed their main audience rooms within the year, and Grand Haven has assumed self-support. Shelby has improved its house of worship. Olive, Robinson, Fruitport and Nunica are weak, but show some growth.

Northern Central Conference.

The church at Chippewa Lake has been added to the roll. The material interests of the churches of this Conference have been greatly advanced. Cadillac and Reed City have assumed self-support; Clare has purchased a parsonage; Chase has enlarged its church building. Tallman is weak and has suffered by the decline of the lumbering interest. There has been a marked religious interest in some of the churches. Cadillac, Chase, Clare, Reed City and Manistee have had large accessions. The net increase in membership is 52. The benevolences show a large increase and aggregate \$4,420.96.

Olivet Conference.

There has been no marked growth in the churches of this Conference during the year, though there has been a general prosperity. A house of worship has been erected at Chester Station, and those at Bedford, Ceresco and Vermontville have been repaired. The Sunday schools are especially prosperous, and Societies of Christian Endeavor are a helpful auxiliary to the church work. North Johnstown is stricken from the roll. There is a decrease in the total membership of 49, and a slight decrease in the benevolences.

Southern Michigan.

The church at Gilead has been added to the roll. The new church at Addison has doubled her membership and has commenced building a house of worship. Clinton has enlarged the parsonage. Five of the churches are without pastors. There has been an accession of 109 to the membership of the churches, and a net gain of 43. The benevolences have been well sustained, and an advance was made in the contributions to home missions.

C.

NECROLOGY.

REV. ROBERT G. BAIRD died at Lansing, Michigan, August 4, 1885, after a long and painful illness. Brother Baird was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1832, and came to Canada at the age of ten years. He graduated from the Theological Institute at Toronto at the age of twenty-five, and at once accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational church at Sarnia, Ont., opposite Port Huron. There he speedily gained a remarkable hold upon the young men of his congregation, and did good service for the Master. In 1862 he removed to Armada, Michigan, where for thirteen years he was the useful pastor of the church in that place, and where the fruits of his labor and the blessing of his memory remain. In 1874 he was appointed Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture and removed to the seat of the Agricultural College where he resided to the close of his life. At this place his influence among the students was constant and helpful, and his death greatly regretted by the faculty and students. A widow and four children remain to mourn our brother's loss.

REV. DANIEL BIRNEY, of Port Sanilac, died December 31, 1885, aged eighty-five years. He was a native of Ireland. The time and place of his ordination are unknown to the writer. He removed from his native land to Canada when about thirty-five years of age, and spent several years in the service of the Wesleyan Methodist churches. On coming to this State, about 1856, he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in which he labored with acceptance and success. His connection with our

denomination and his residence in Port Sanilac began in the year 1861. He served the church in that place eleven years, during a great part of this period having charge also of the little church in Bridgehampton, which he gathered, and doing a large amount of missionary work in other outlying districts. In 1872 failing health constrained him to withdraw from the active work of the ministry, but his heart remained in the work, and whenever he was able he joyfully proclaimed the glad tidings of great joy. His last sermon was preached but two weeks before his death. Brother Birney was a man of limited education, but having good natural abilities and being full of faith and zeal and persevering industry, he made his life useful and honorable to the Master and the churches.

REV. SAMUEL FLEMING, LL. D., Ph. D., died at his residence in Burr Oak, Michigan, December 24, 1885. Dr. Fleming was born in Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., May 9, 1816, hence was, at his death, sixty-nine years of age. At the age of fifteen he joined the Presbyterian church in his native village, of which his father was a ruling elder. His residence in Michigan began in 1835, when, in company with a brother, he bought a farm near Jackson. His stay here, however, was but brief, for two years later we find him a student in Geneva College. From early childhood Dr. Fleming was a lover of music, and possessed rare musical gifts. The earlier years of his youth and young manhood were more or less occupied in the teaching of music, both vocal and instrumental. Leaving Geneva College he became Professor of Literature and Principal of the Academic Department in Central College, near Columbus, Ohio. After holding this position for a time, he studied at Western Reserve College. The next year was spent as Principal of the Academy at Aurora, Ohio; a year later he became "Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy" in what was then known as Marshall College, at Marshall, this State. It was here that Bro. Fleming was ordained to the work of the ministry in December of 1847, and here that he filled his first pastorate. His subsequent pastorates were at Manchester, Homer and Decatur, where he was instrumental in the erection of a house of worship; at Morenci, Erie, Burr Oak and Crown Point, Indiana. At Morenci he lost wife, health and property. Prevented from continuing in the active ministry, Bro. Fleming gave himself up to literary work. His most important works are: "Science and Philosophy," "Recent Progress

in Science," and a work of three volumes, entitled "Pandualism." His contributions to magazine and newspaper literature were too numerous to find record in this sketch. They covered almost every topic of science, art, social science and religion, and found ready publication. Mr. Fleming was also to some extent a composer of music, and tunes written by him may be found in the books of such publishers as Root & Woodbury. Bro. Fleming was highly respected by those with whom he came into association and tokens of such respect were liberally bestowed upon him. He was for a time clerk of the Synod of Michigan; was delegate to the General Assembly at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1853, and again at Philadelphia in 1863. He was made a member of the American Anthropological Association, and was for years one of its vice-presidents. From this body he received the honorary degree attached to his name. Mr. F. was a member of the "American Association for the Advancement of Society," and a Fellow of the "Society of Science, Literature and Art," of London, England. Our brother was twice married, first at Sandusky, Ohio, in 1841, to Mrs. Juliet Fleming, his brother's widow, who died, as we have said, at Morenci; and a second time to Miss Irene C. Farley, in 1869, who survives him. Mr. Fleming, as we have seen, was born of Presbyterian parents, became a member of the Presbyterian Church at the age of fifteen; from this church received his ordination and spent a great portion of his life within its fold. He came to our fellowship in 1863, and enjoyed peculiar regard from his brothers of the Southern Michigan Conference.

REV. FREDERICK FLEMEN was born in 1860, at Stoke, Devon, England. He grew up under religious influences and commenced preaching the gospel at the early age of 16, under the direction of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in England. He prepared himself for Hulme Cliff College, Derbyshire, England. In October, 1885, he came to Michigan, where he served the Congregational Church at Rockford, after which he had a short but successful pastorate at Grand Ledge. His health failing him, he returned to England and died on the 31st day of December, 1885.

REV. WM. H. FOWLER died February 25, 1886.

At Grass Lake, Michigan, February 8, 1886, died, the REV. THOMAS JONES, in the 73d year of his age. Mr. Jones was born

upon shipboard on the Atlantic ocean, while his parents were on their way from Wales to settle in this country. The early years of our brother's life were spent in New York, and it was then that he was converted and began his preparation for the ministry. His parents being poor, it was necessary for him to support himself, and to his own energy, industry and economy alone was he indebted for his education. He prepared for college at Oneida Institute, pursued his collegiate studies at Hamilton, and his theological course at Oberlin Seminary. He began preaching at the age of eighteen years. At twenty-one he married and settled first in Ohio, where he worked six years. His ministry in this State began with the church in Grass Lake in the year 1841, where he remained six years. He was pastor of the First Church in Grand Rapids for several years; at Cassopolis four years, and at Galesburg eleven years. This was his last pastorate; following it he spent four years as financial agent of Olivet College, and the remainder of his days, as his health would permit, in assisting in special services and otherwise serving the churches. In this kind of labor he rendered himself very useful and his closing years were full of joy—for the joy of his life was to see souls converted and the churches of Christ strengthened. One who knew him well writes of him: "Mr. Jones was an earnest and effective preacher, often presenting divine truth with a clearness and power that the hearer could not readily forget. He was an active pastor, and was possessed with such an overflow of good nature and genial cordiality, as rendered him an agreeable visitant in the families of his parish. Very many have been led into the true life by his labors of love in their behalf. His last illness was long and painful; for several months he was in constant suffering. His nerves were shattered and his mind unbalanced. We have to look for proofs of his faith in his works while in health, rather than in the experiences of his last sickness, so mysteriously does God sometimes deal with his people." Those of us who knew Bro. Jones will not question the fitness of the text selected by Rev. John Patchin, who, when a boy, sat under his preaching, for use on the occasion of his funeral: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

REV. WM. H. OSBORN was a native of Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N. Y., born August 26, 1811. His father was a soldier for six years

during the war of the Revolution, and served also during the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch was converted at the age of seventeen years and joined the Freewill Baptist Church. His preparatory studies were pursued at the Academy in Rochester, N. Y., and his theological studies, under the direction of old ministers, as was the custom for poor boys in those days. He married Lucina Crandall, who, with several children grown to manhood and womanhood, still survives him. Mr. Osborn was ordained in October, 1839. For ten years he preached in N. Y. and Ohio, when he removed to Michigan. He served short pastorates in Marshall, Castleton and Syria with Free Will Baptist churches, after which he joined the Congregational Church and settled in Coloma, Berrien Co., where he organized a church and labored four years. During this time he also organized the church in St. Joseph, and supplied it in connection with Coloma, and also looked after the church in Keeler. Bro. Osborn then removed to Vicksburg, where he held a series of meetings, which were greatly blessed in the conversion of men. A church organization resulted from this special work, and to this new church our brother gave three years of successful work. He went from Vicksburg to Parkville where he labored two years, enjoyed revivals and left the little church of sixteen members with an increase of one hundred members. From this place he went to Webster City, Ia., found a church of six and after two years' work left it with forty members. Returning to Michigan, he labored three years at Grandville; at Augusta, Washtenaw Co., seven years, and at Hartland and Tyrone two years. At the latter place special revival interest was developed under his preaching and a church was organized. Failing health soon made it necessary for him to retire from active service, and after a long and severely painful illness he died at Lowell, October 28, 1885, aged seventy-four years and two months. The great object of his life was to bring souls to Christ, and in this work he was successful; hundreds were converted under his ministry, and four churches organized by him remain in vigorous life to perpetuate the work to which he so heartily gave himself. The love and faith which had ruled his life ceased not to the end. The day before he died he exclaimed: "I feel like singing; my soul is full of glory." Very soon he passed into the real glory of which many foretastes had been given him on earth. His wife and a large family of children remain, with a great company to whom he successfully ministered, to mourn his death.

REV. SAMUEL PHILLIPS was born in the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, February 16, 1813, and died in Disco, Michigan, July 10, 1885. Left an orphan at a very tender age, his early years taught him to look upward for help and comfort. Though brought up in the Episcopal Church, he was converted while yet a boy and at eighteen was a licensed exhorter of the Methodist Church, in which church he was ordained to the work of the ministry four or five years later. Coming soon to the United States, he enjoyed very successful pastorates among the Wesleyan Methodist at Jamestown, Seneca Falls, Olcott, Rawsonville and Royalton, N. Y. In 1854 he moved to Michigan and preached for several years in Shelby, Macomb Co., where he erected a church edifice and enjoyed repeated revivals of religion among his people. He also had charge of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Pittsfield, Washtenaw Co., for two years. From this place he removed to Salem and took the pastorate of the Congregational Church in that place, changing at the same time his denominational relations. He remained in Salem four years; afterwards he was settled in Lima three years, Leroy four years, and Orion and Oakwood, New Baltimore and Ray each for a brief season. In July 1838 Mr. Phillips was married to Miss C. H. Bodfish, of Wareham, Plymouth Co., Mass. Mrs. Phillips' protracted invalidism caused her husband to retire from continuous pastoral service for years before her death. This enforced retirement was quietly and patiently submitted to by Brother Phillips as a sad providence indeed, but certain to work out a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. During these years by preaching at the little village near his home and at other destitute points without money and without price, by continual study of the Word and by much prayer, he kept his heart warm with love for the Master and his cause. He delighted in the fellowship of his brethren in the ministry, and such of them as were permitted a visit with him were certain to go away to more highly magnify their office and act more worthily their part in it. The lover-like care and tenderness he bestowed upon the wife of his youth during the long years of her illness remains as a beautiful picture in the memories of all who beheld him in her presence. Mrs. Phillips passed into rest in January, 1883. In March, 1884, Mr. Phillips married Mrs. M. A. Shadduck, of Salem, Mich., who survives him. One writes of our departed brother: "His uncompromising advocacy of truth combined with godliness and sunniness, prepared one to reverence him

as a lineal descendant of ‘the man of God’ of ancient times;” and another: “He was always a most consistent Christian and one of the sweetest spirited men I ever knew.” With these tender and appreciative tributes all who knew him will agree, and by such his memory will be held in grateful reverence.

REV. PORTER B. PARREY, who was born in Wethersfield, Wyoming Co., N. Y., in 1815, died on Tuesday of this week, aged seventy-one years. Bro. Parrey graduated at Union College, and afterward at Auburn Theological Seminary in 1846. He came immediately west and began his life work as a Home Missionary by preaching one year at Little Elkhart, Indiana. The next year he settled at Buchanan, where he remained as pastor of the Presbyterian Church until 1852. At this place the wife of his youth was called from his side by death. He next removed to New Buffalo and supplied the Congregational Church of that place for one year. From there he went to Ellsworth, Conn., where he preached four years. In 1857 he came to Illinois, and for seven years was settled in a country parish twelve miles from Rockford. During the war he was for a short time in the service of the Christian Commission. In the spring of 1864 he came to Three Oaks, Mich., which has been, in a sense, his home ever since. During his pastorate here the church building was erected, and other good work accomplished. Hersey, Mich., profited by two years of faithful labor at his hands, and has reason to cherish his memory. Later he established a church at Bridgman, Mich., and erected there a church building. His last charge was of the church at Sandstone, Mich., where he remained only a year and a-half, and then, because of failing health, made his final return to his home at Three Oaks, just one year before his death. His last illness was of only five days duration, and although conscious to the last, did not seem to recognize the approach of death. His life, however, was so abundant in the fruits of the Spirit that we have no need of a dying testimony. The ministry of our so recently translated brother was characterized by great faith and earnestness, and attended by frequent revivals. He was a good preacher, a faithful shepherd of the flock, and a careful leader. His hold upon the young by constant connection with the Sabbath school work and in other ways, was strong and effective. At the same time strong men of the world felt his power, and with gratitude to-day acknowledge benefits received from his influence.

Many such business men were converted under his preaching, and the Christian upbuilding of many others was largely helped by his life and teachings. The funeral of this good man occurred at Three Oaks on Thursday of this week. Memorial services will be held to-morrow morning at the same place, when a more worthy narrative of his life and work will be given. Mrs. Parrey and two children mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father. The son and daughter in their character and lives testify to the faithfulness of our brother in his home relations, as well as in his more public walks and duties. The daughter has for some years been a teacher in one of the A. M. A. schools in Atlanta, Ga., while the son is a useful helper in the home church. The members of this body, as well as the churches to which he has ministered, join in unfeigned sorrow with the family over the death of this man of God.

D.

HOME MISSIONS IN MICHIGAN.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1886.

Ten churches were organized by Home Missionaries during the statistical year, viz: Chippewa Lake, Mecosta Co.; Berlamont, Van Buren Co.; Leonidas, St. Joseph Co.; Eastport, Antrim Co.; Gilmore, Benzie Co.; Ashley, Gratiot Co.; Horton's Bay and Ironton, in Charlevoix Co.; Pierport, Manistee Co., and Hay Lake, Chippewa Co. The Independent Church at Athens, was also recognized by council and received into the Kalamazoo Association. The average membership of the eleven new churches thus added to the roll, was twenty-four. Six of these new churches have houses of worship, or are engaged in building. All of them are in fields which we had previously occupied, or were included in our estimates, as made up a year ago for our meeting at Jackson. The only new field which we have entered during the year, that is, the only one not included in our estimates presented a year ago, is Montmorency Co. Rev. D. H. Pierce has been preaching at five places in that county since October last, and expects to organize one or more churches in a few weeks. Rev. E. W. Miller, the State Sunday school superintendent, organized three Sunday schools in that county last summer, and it seemed important to follow up his work by sending a missionary to gather churches and build houses of worship.

Eleven churches have secured houses of worship during the year, viz: Wolverine, Leslie, Pine Grove, Breckenridge, Hartford, Chester Station, Bangor, Leonidas, Watervliet, Ashley and Nashville. The house at Nashville has been used by the Congregational Church since the date of its organization, but they have now acquired a title by an amicable arrangement with the sister denomination which built it. The value of these eleven church buildings is \$21,300. The Home Missionary churches at Bancroft and Clare have secured parsonages.

Nine churches became self-sustaining during the year, viz: Cadillac, Douglas, Frankfort, Grand Haven, Lake Linden, Reed City, Vicksburg, and Wacousta and Delta. The last two are yoked under the care of the same pastor. The year has been one of spiritual growth and ingathering. There have been more than five hundred additions to the churches on profession of faith.*

The receipts from Michigan for the year have been \$14,434.99, of which \$117.65 was a legacy. The contributions of churches and individuals have been

\$14,317.34, which is \$2,007.72 more than they were last year. This large increase of contributions is immediately due to a special effort which was made at the beginning of the winter. Rev. A. T. Waterman, of Ovid, suggested a special offering as a memorial for Mrs. Fannie L. W. Warren, the president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Michigan, who died November 22nd last, whose love and service were freely given to the home missionary work of the State. This suggestion was heartily seconded by *The Beacon* and the editors of the *Home Missionary*, and was approved by your State committee. The amount of memorial offerings so far reported is \$3,296.12. This total from the State of \$14,434.99 includes of course the \$2,730.97 contributed by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. We came short by \$1,565 of the \$16,000 which we voted to raise last year at Jackson. Instead of the dollar per resident member which we resolved to secure, we raised eighty-nine cents a member. The year before we raised seventy-eight cents a member. Is it too much to hope that next year by faithful and united effort we may secure the full amount of one dollar per resident member throughout the State?

Including the nine churches which became self-sustaining during the year, there were grants to one hundred and one separate fields which, were made or in part paid during the year. Of these one hundred and one grants, nine were one hundred dollars or less in amount, eighteen were more than one hundred dollars, and not exceeding two hundred, thirty-five were more than two hundred dollars, and not exceeding three hundred, thirty-two were more than three hundred dollars, and not exceeding four hundred dollars, five were grants of more than four hundred dollars, and not exceeding five hundred, and two fields received aid during a part of the year at the rate of more than five hundred dollars. There is now no grant in force of more than five hundred dollars a year. The entire salary of the missionaries on these one hundred and one fields averaged \$584. Of course we have not had 101 missionaries in service at any given date during the year. There are eighty-six home missionaries at work in the State to-day; and this is as large a number probably as we have had at any one time during the last two months.

You will remember that the apportionment made to Michigan a year ago by the national society was fifteen thousand dollars in addition to all that we might raise among ourselves, and we were fairly warned that under no circumstances would we be allowed to overdraw our apportionment. The apportionment the year before had been \$18,000 and we had overdrawn it about \$5,000. This year we did not quite use up our apportionment of \$15,000, actually drawing only \$14,671.71. But this sum which we drew from the treasury of the national society is a little larger than the whole amount raised within the State, so that for every dollar we gave for our own work, the Christian people of New England and New York gave a little more than another dollar to help pay our missionaries in Michigan. While our Christian brethren at the East are doing so much for home missions in Michigan, it would ill become us not to be willing to make some sacrifices for the feeble churches of our own household and for the planting of churches in the newer parts of our great commonwealth.

There has been no death among the missionaries during the year. There

have been many changes. Some have ceased to be missionaries, because their churches have assumed self-support. Some have gone to other States, or to self-sustaining churches in our own. Their places have been supplied in part by pastors of other Congregational churches in Michigan or elsewhere; and fifteen new recruits have entered our ministry as Home Missionaries during the past year. No one of the fifteen was a graduate of any of our theological seminaries. Two of them had been a little time at Oberlin and one at Chicago. Four of the fifteen came from the farm or shop or the teacher's chair, and eight came from other denominations. There was one Episcopal Methodist, one Wesleyan Methodist, one Free Methodist, two Methodist Protestants and two Free Baptists. A few men were also secured from other denominations for our self-supporting churches. About half of the ministers who are members of this General Association to-day, have at some time belonged to another denomination. It is becoming that we should be the most catholic of the denominations.

We cannot depend upon the theological seminaries to train the men needed for Home Missionary work. However well the seminaries may succeed in fitting men for the work of the American Board, for professorships in colleges, for pastorates of city churches, or as specialists in various departments of literature and science, they do not train the men needed for the smaller churches and new fields. Your committee beg again to urge upon your attention, as we have done heretofore, the need of a training school to fit for the ministry the large number of men who are strongly inclined to preach, but who, by reason of their age or their poverty or family responsibilities, cannot come into the ministry through the ten years course offered by our colleges and theological seminaries. The Lord calls many men to preach, for whom a college and seminary course is impracticable; and if we could find a way to help these men into the work with such preparation as may be practicable for them, we should not long be in want of good men for our Home Missionary fields. Our traditional methods of training practically close the door to the ministry against many men who would gladly come in, and who, as experience shows, might be very useful. Let us once for all recognize the fact that the majority of the men whom God is to-day calling and bringing into the Congregational ministry in the United States, do not come by the way of the college and the seminary. We have taken great pains to smooth the way into the work for the minority who come by college and seminary; but we have done nothing to help into the work the growing majority who come from other sources to recruit our ranks. While we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest, let us act in the line of his providence. Let us begin here in Michigan a training school to fit for Home Missionary service the great number of men who would be glad to come, if they could receive a practical training in a reasonable time, but who cannot take the traditional ten years course of preparation. Bangor has practically become such a special school. Of its twenty-eight students, but two have a college degree. Bangor supplies the men for the smaller churches of Maine. Without this school many of these churches must die. There is great and growing need of such a school in Michigan. Your committee respectfully and urgently request that this subject of a Home Missionary training school be referred to a special committee to report during this meeting.

We have a brother from Sweden on our missionary roll, Rev. Gustaf Lundquist, pastor of the Swedish mission church in Manistee. There are a hundred thousand natives of the German Empire in Michigan. Is it not time that we had at least one German missionary?

Rev. Abram Van Auken, who has served faithfully and successfully as general missionary for Northern Michigan for nearly two years, has lately felt constrained on account of health and from other considerations, to accept a pressing invitation to a pastorate which has been some months waiting for him. He has been instrumental in helping many little churches to secure houses of worship, to pay debts, and to attain to more successful work. Rev. E. D. Curtis, of Saugatuck, has been appointed to succeed him.

The necessity of a general missionary for the new work is apparent to all. Help is also often needed by our older missionary and other smaller churches, whether with or without pastors. At the last meeting of the Eastern Conference, a committee of five reported unanimously in favor of employing a general missionary to labor among the smaller churches of that body. The Conference deferred action, hoping that the object aimed at will be secured by the appointment of a State missionary or evangelist. The same need for evangelistic and general missionary work which is felt in the Eastern Conference, is apparent also in the Southern Conference and the Kalamazoo Association, and the older parts of the State generally. Other States have felt this need. The Illinois Home Missionary Society is employing three State evangelists, and has demonstrated that the money used to sustain them has brought more help to the little churches than it could have done if spent in any other way. The Ohio and Iowa Home Missionary Societies are employing State evangelists and are much pleased with the plan. The American Home Missionary Society has commissioned missionary evangelists for Kansas and Minnesota. After long and careful consideration of the subject your committee are unanimously and heartily in favor of employing a general missionary who shall give his time mainly to evangelistic work, and to the visitation and service of the smaller churches in all parts of the State, and especially in the older conferences. Secretary Tompkins, of Illinois, says: "We have in this evangelistic work an efficient method of bringing weak churches to self-support. The great need of many of the churches that now ask help from the home missionary treasury is not more financial ability, but more spiritual life and power. In several cases the visit of an evangelist has entirely removed the idea of asking aid to support a pastor. The people have consecrated themselves and their property to the service of God, and have easily arranged for sustaining the whole work of the church. Pastorless churches have been led to secure the services of a minister of Christ. In some cases weak, discouraged, and pastorless churches have not only rallied and called a pastor, but have at once made provision for his entire support." He also adds, "The success of the work in Illinois is such that all who know anything about it would most heartily recommend it. Aside from the large amount of good done to the churches which it is difficult to tabulate, thousands have been led to Christ. Since the appointment of the three evangelists whom we now have in commission, we have increased our contributions to home missions fifty per cent. This could not have been done without the

help of these consecrated men. We guarantee the salary and instruct the evangelist to take collections, thank-offerings, etc., and secure as much as possible. Our men have averaged year by year, the collection of about two-thirds of their salary. This includes visiting the most destitute fields, explorations, etc. The revival work conducted has more than paid all that it has cost and left a fund for use in the other work named. We commission only successful Congregational pastors who have an adaptation to this special work. This experience of Illinois, confirmed by that of other States, seems to make it clear that we ought not longer to defer the employment of a missionary evangelist.

But the stress of our Home Missionary effort must still be for the newer counties of the North. There are eighty-two counties in Michigan, and there are twenty-two of them, having a population of 155,000, in which there is no Congregational Church. There are eight other counties, having a population of 100,000, in each of which there is but one Congregational Church. There are more than a quarter of a million people in these thirty counties, and only eight Congregational Churches. In a few of these counties there is no church of any name. We are hardly aware of the extent of our field and the measure of its destitutions. By the State census of 1884, the population of Michigan was 1,856,000, and growing at the rate of 55,000 a year. Adding the growth of the last two years, 110,000, we have 1,966,000, the population in 1886. We shall have more than 2,000,000 before the General Association meets again. North of this city of Flint, our State contains nearly, or quite, a million of people to-day. The Congregational Churches of our country have no other Home Missionary field in any other State of such extent and promise as this in Northern Michigan. Kansas comes nearest to it; but in the degree of religious destitution and the promise of sure and quick return for missionary effort, our field is more important and more inviting than Kansas. The Home Missionary part of Michigan, north of our centre of population, is equal to two Nebraskas or three Dakotas, or four Colorados, or to these ten States and Territories of the great West: Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Indian Territory. These ten contain a far smaller population than that part of Michigan north of this city. There are fifty counties in Michigan still in the process of settlement, in every one of which are needed additional churches of Christ as centres of life and light for the incoming people. To aid in planting these churches as they are needed is a work which belongs, first of all to us, as citizens of Michigan and members of Michigan churches. Hitherto the churches of New England and New York have given far more than we for the evangelization of our noble State. It is time to take this work upon ourselves. The needs of other parts of our great country and of other lands are so great that we ought not to be willing to absorb here a dollar, if we can avoid it, of the gifts of the churches of the East. Who should care for the Christianizing of Michigan and the saving of her people, if not we of the churches of Michigan?

It is one of Dr. Emmons' striking sayings, that "Parents in general can do more for the promotion of general good of society by giving their children a good education than in any other way." Christian parents will, of course, have interest in Christ's cause outside their own homes, but the highest service they

can render that cause will, nevertheless, be to train their children to Christian manhood and womanhood. In like manner while we give and pray for Christ's cause in all the world, our churches in Michigan can do our best work for the world's conversion by making Michigan a thoroughly Christian State. Michigan's annual average rate of giving to the American Board has more than doubled within less than ten years. If we are faithful to our home work, before 1896 it will more than double again, and our Michigan churches will be giving at more than twice their present rate annually for the American Board. If we had not planted the Home Missionary church in Chelsea thirty-five years ago, the American Missionary Association would not have received just now a legacy of \$4,000 from a member of that church. If we had not planted a Home Missionary church in Manistee in 1862, we have no reason to think that a member of that church would this year have given Oberlin \$50,000. Christ's kingdom in all the world is one. If we can build strongly for Christ here in the new counties of Michigan, while society is still forming, the effect of our work will very soon be felt and seen in Asia and Africa, and the islands of the sea. Every dollar we put into Home Missions in Michigan this year, will shortly yield many dollars yearly for all departments of missionary work at home and abroad.

By the coming of nine churches to self-support, by the reduction of grants to many others, by refraining from new work, by deferring grants, or making them for three or six months instead of a year (carrying over into the new year obligations which should have been met out of last year's resources), and by leaving some missionary churches unsupplied, we reduced the total cost of the home missionary work in Michigan last year \$6,815.22; and by the increase of our gifts we reduced the net cost to the national society \$8,621.09—a long march, a forced march toward State self-support. We kept well within our apportionment of \$15,000; the actual cost of the work to the national society was \$14,667.71, in addition to Michigan's contributions. Forced marches are sometimes necessary; but if the strain be too severe, the soldiers throw away their knapsacks, overcoats and blankets, and sometimes their cartridge boxes and guns, or even drop themselves out of the ranks altogether. The national society does not wish to bring Michigan to self-support by forced marches. They would not have us give up our feeble churches that can really be helped to do Christ's work, but rather strengthen them. They would not have us refrain from planting needed churches in the twenty-two counties where we have none, or in the thirty other counties in which we have but few. This year the national society has consented not to make any reduction in the apportionment to Michigan. They propose to grant us the same amount as last year, \$15,000, in addition to what we raise in Michigan. They do this to help us make some large and worthy advance in our work in Northern Michigan, a home missionary field unsurpassed in importance by any other in the country, and calling more urgently than ever before for help.

The A. H. M. S. believes that Northern Michigan ought to have the Gospel. They entrust us with this \$15,000 this year to help us evangelize this grand field. The great Head of the church entrusts us with this noblest Home Missionary field in the country to possess it and till it for him. If any body of churches in the United States have reason for gratitude to the Lord Jesus for a noble oppor-

tunity to work for him—if any churches in this land have motives for Home Missionary devotion and sacrifice, it is our churches here in Michigan. In all earnestness let us resolve to make this year one of advance and noble achievement in Northern Michigan. With all the help we are receiving from the East, it will be shame to us if we do not.

W. B. WILLIAMS,
H. J. HOLLISTER,
A. O. BEMENT,
C. A. GOWER,
H. E. BAKER,
E. F. GRABILL,
LEROY WARREN.

Flint, Mich. May 19. 1886.

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN HOME
MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1886.
Compiled from the "Home Missionary."

CONFERENCES.				CONFERENCES.			
	Resident Members.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.		Resident Members.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.
<i>Cheboygan.</i>							
Alba	50	\$3 50	\$0 07	Rochester	95	\$7 00	\$ 07
Banks	9	36 00	4 00	Romeo	143	73 59	51
Bellaire	9	5 43	60	Royal Oak	43	7 50	17
Berryville	12	.....	.....	St. Clair	86	585 00	6 80
Central Lake	12	3 92	32	Utica	53	15 00	28
Charlevoix	54	40 00	74	Wayne	133	14 50	10
Cheboygan	76	11 35	14	White Rock	11	.....	.....
Excelsior	17	18 60	1 09		2669	2988 07	1 11
Gaylord	54	20 94	38	<i>Genesee.</i>			
Kalkaska	51	36 60	71	Alma	22	31 50	1 43
Mancelona	35	7 00	20	Alpena	175	115 00	65
Northport	51	33 50	65	Bancroft	20	27 62	1 38
Rondo	7	9 04	1 29	Bay City	120	139 89	1 16
Vanderbilt	22	26 00	1 18	Breckenridge	19	7 23	38
Westwood	7	.....	.....	Bridgeport	27	22 00	81
Wolverine	9	9 06	1 00	Chesaning	18	10 05	55
	475	260 94	55	East Fulton	18	17 39	96
<i>Chippewa and Mackinac.</i>							
Bay Mills	8	2 00	25	East Saginaw	341	229 44	67
Mount Zion	9	2 45	27	East Tawas	51	.....	.....
Pine Grove	13	4 45	34	Essexville	27	16 50	61
Rosedale	10	16 81	1 68	Flint	187	73 23	39
St. Ignace	17	17 25	1 01	Genesee	26	11 10	42
Sugar Island	24	6 75	28	Goodrich	25	12 00	48
Superior	12	.....	.....	Grand Blanc	57	43 40	76
	93	49 71	53	Hartland	30	5 00	1 60
<i>Eastern.</i>				Highland Station	26	19 25	74
Almont	80	42 07	52	Ithaca	37	36 16	97
Armada	81	52 00	64	Laingsburg	45	76 99	1 71
Chesterfield	31	.....	.....	Maple Rapids	46	47 65	1 03
Columbus	59	19 56	33	Munger	17	5 00	29
Detroit. First	372	1116 39	3 00	Oakley	28	1 00	03
" Second	391	428 12	1 09	Ovid	54	56 05	1 03
" Trumbull Ave.	149	96 29	64	Owosso	181	101 15	55
" Ft. Wayne	58	12 40	21	Perry	36	36 68	1 01
" Harper Ave.	44 00	.....	.....	Roscommon	21	18 15	86
Flat Rock	33	5 28	16	St. Johns	139	92 55	66
Imlay City	59	7 65	12	St. Louis	54	8 00	14
Lexington	16	50 00	3 12	Standish	22	23 70	1 07
Memphis	61	11 00	18	Tawas City	57	.....	.....
Metamora	51	7 50	14	Tyrone	40	30 00	75
Minden	10	8 00	80	Vernon	52	19 10	36
Nankin and Livonia	20	.....	.....	Victor	48	27 00	56
New Baltimore	19	.....	.....	Vienna	46	35 15	76
New Haven	36	30 50	84	West Branch	12	32 25	2 68
Oakwood	36	7 00	19		2124	1327 18	62
Orion	48	5 40	11	<i>Grand River.</i>			
Oxford	29	31 35	1 08	Ada First	39	18 55	47
Pontiac	139	26 15	18	Ada Second	26	.....	.....
Port Huron	225	263 12	1 16	Allendale	40	44 75	1 11
Port Sanilac	20	.....	.....	Alpine and Walker	79	14 08	17
Ray Center	11	6 70	60	Bradley	27	8 77	32
Richmond	71	15 00	21	Cannon	52	12 16	23

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<i>Grand River—Continued.</i>					
Cedar Springs.....	28	Kalamazoo—Continued.	21	28 50
Dorr	99	34 75	Bridgman.....	28	27 32
Dorr Village.....	27	21 18	Coloma	74	18 10
Eastmanville	13	15 45	Covert.....	66	50 00
Freeport	15	12 00	Douglas.....	28	6 00
Grand Rapids, First.....	462	400 00	Dowagiac	91	100 89
" " Second	86	6 50	Galesburg.....	145	145 25
" " South.....	157	113 10	Grand Junction.....	21	8 20
Grandville	25	.....	Hartford.....	25	44 73
Hudsonville.....	21	8 46	Hopkins, First.....	32	14 64
Irving.....	18	31 50	" Second	22	18 44
Lamont	36	19 28	Kalamazoo.....	391	289 17
Lowell	77	39 25	Keeler	8	1 20
Middleville.....	55	11 15	Lawrence	21	.....
Paris	19	8 40	Mattawan.....	36	34 16
Rockford	30	6 05	Otsego.....	57	1 35
Sand Lake.....	22	16 38	Saugatuck.....	63	22 20
Wayland.....	29	5 00	South Haven.....	145	30 20
	1500	849 81	St. Joseph.....	106	125 95
<i>Grand Traverse.</i>			Three Oaks.....	76	124 61
Almira	18	6 92	Vicksburg.....	63	17 00
Benzonia	112	47 33	Watervliet .....	.....	24 03
Cleon and Marilla.....	23	22 00		1908	1341 05
Empire	11	.....			70
Frankfort	44	31 38	Lake Superior.	145	376 36
Glen Arbor.....	17	9 76	Hancock.....	259	270 12
Homestead.....	27	19 00	Lake Linden.....	43	106 50
Leland.....	13	20 75		447	752 98
Old Mission.....	11	34 00			1 68
Onekama	21	41 00	Lansing.	Carson City.....	26
Pleasanton.....	19	8 25	Coral	40	6 00
Sherman.....	20	8 00	Delta	17	16 37
Solon.....	37	15 46	Edmore	31	5 37
Traverse City.....	88	92 96	Grand Ledge.....	26	32 00
	461	356 81	Greenville.....	193	1 03
<i>Jackson.</i>			Hubbardston	47	5 00
Ann Arbor.....	298	1396 50	Lansing.....	193	292 11
Augusta	45	19 91	Portland.....	49	15 60
Chelsea.....	122	113 50	Rodney	248	351 20
Dexter.....	34	33 00	Saranac	7	1 41
Grass Lake.....	84	65 00	Sheridan.....	45	10 00
Hamburg	22	4 50	Stanton	66	55 00
Jackson.....	428	580 26	Vestaburg	40	2 50
Leslie.....	59	45 61	Wacousta	182	7 00
Michigan Center.....	23	27 82	Williamston	17	28 23
Napoleon	16	.....		1057	5 00
N. Leoni	15	.....			29
Pinekney	45	18 37	Muskegon.		
Salem	69	40 40	Croton	20	921 13
Sandstone.....	52	52 45	Fremont.....	11	80 98
Summit.....	56	31 74	Fruitport	9	1 89
Union City	208	215 54	Grand Haven.....	68	8 63
Webster	31	27 30	Hart.....	34	19 00
Ypsilanti	119	16 60	Muskegon	185	31 51
	1726	2688 50	Newaygo	40	92 52
<i>Kalamazoo.</i>			Nunica	12	44 75
Alamo	74	26 83	Olive	9	5 62
Allegan.....	155	74 62	Pentwater	23	4 81
Augusta.....	63	.....	Robinson	29	60
Bangor	22	14 17	Shelby	79	5 95
Benton Harbor.....	75	93 49	White Cloud.....	20	27 25
		1 24	Whitehall.....	41	34 34
				580	58

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<i>Northern Central.</i>						
Baldwin.....	17	56 80	3 34	Kalamo	29 2 90 10	
Big Rapids.....	65	25 71	39	Leroy.....	48 50 00 1 04	
Cadillac.....	43	50 14	1 16	Nashville	18 25 06 1 39	
Chase	18	38 69	2 14	Olivet.....	291 305 64 1 05	
Clare	27	.....		Onondaga.....	21 2 50 11
Custer	6	2 00	33	Potterville	29 14 50 50	
East Lake.....	14	9 62	68	Vermontville.....	132 63 35 47	
Farwell	26	.....		Walton.....	20 62
Filerstown	12	14 68	1 22		1274 800 84 62	
Hersey	16	68 50	4 28	<i>Southern.</i>		
Ludington	105	100 00	95	Addison	8 11 00 1 37	
Manistee.....	271	233 90	86	Canandaigua.....	26 11 00 42	
Reed City.....	65	59 00	90	Clinton.....	110 72 00 65	
Tallman.....	8	2 00	25	Dundee	25 23 38 93	
	693	661 04	95	Franklin	40 12 38 30	
<i>Olivet.</i>						
Bedford.....	73	15 00	20	Hudson	134 90 55 67	
Bronson	48	8 00	16	Jerome	11 7 39 67	
Carmel.....	16	.....		Litchfield	124 68 65 55
Ceresco.....	32	13 94	43	Maybee	12 13 75 1 14	
Charlotte.....	255	201 00	78	Morenci	66 41 03 62	
Chester	48	4 62	09	N. Adams.....	83 27 00 32	
Chester Station.....	11	4 63	42	Prattville	24 97	
E. Johnstown.....	26	.....		Raisinville.....	10 9 75 97
E. Newton.....	32	1 50	04	Ransom.....	41 17 00 41	
Eaton Rapids.....	75	67 50	90	Somerset.....	78 45 13 57	
Fredonia	53	20 70	39	West Adrian.....	46 57 50 1 25	
Johnstown and Barry	17	.....		Wheatland.....	135 175 11 1 29
					973 682 62 70	

E.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CONFERENCES.

I.

CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE.

Formed Feb. 13, 1878.

Scribe REV. PAGE F. McCLELLAND, Atwood.

Meetings—Second Tuesday of June and December.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Benjamin J. Baxter,	May 6, 1878,	Minister,	Mancelona.
Charles H. Beale,	April 5, 1880,	Minister,	Lansing.
Will S. Bugbey,	Oct. 22, 1875,	Minister,	Cheboygan.
Richard M. Burgess,	Dec. 23, 1875,	Minister,	Alba.
Joseph Glasson,	Sept. 30, 1873,	Farmer,	Gaylord.
Elias E. Kirkland,	Jan. 22, 1846,	Retired,	Homestead.
William H. Millar,	Sept. 26, 1857,	Minister,	Gaylord.
Page F. McClelland,	Dec. 20, 1872,	Minister,	Atwood.
William Sidebotham,	May 3, 1873,	Minister,	Kalkaska.
Mark W. Tuck,	May 16, 1852,	Minister,	Wolverine.
Charles F. Tuttle,	Dec. 10, 1885,	Student,	New Haven, Conn.
Abram Van Auken,	Feb. 26, 1879,	Minister,	Potterville.
Chauncey F. Van Auken,	Sept. 9, 1877,	General Missionary,	Charlevoix.
Warren P. Wilcox,	Sept. 21, 1878,	Minister,	Chippewa Lake.

Licentiates.

J. F. Crane,	- - -	Horton's Bay.	James H. Dole,	- - -	Nunica.
		Daniel H. Pierce,	- - -	Horton's Bay.	

II.

CHIPPEWA AND MACKINAC CONFERENCE.

Formed March 17, 1881.

Scribe, REV. JOHN C. VAN AUKEN, Sault Ste. Marie.

Meetings—Second Tuesday of July.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Erastus S. Curry,	June 16, 1866,	Minister,	Newberry.
Joseph W. Holt,	Oct. 15, 1884,	Minister,	Rosedale.
John McGregor,	July 31, 1883,	Minister,	Sault Ste Marie.
Charles E. Taggart	July 14, 1886,	Minister,	St. Ignace.
John C. Van Auken,	Oct. 8, 1884,	Minister,	Sault Ste Marie.

Licentiate.

Isaac B. Lillie,	- - - -	Bay Mills.
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III.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 12, 1840.

Scribe—REV. A. HASTINGS ROSS, Port Huron.

Meetings—Second Tuesday of February and October.

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Abram B. Allen,	Oct. 14, 1869,	Minister,	Detroit.
Simeon O. Allen,	Dec. 1, 1880,	Editor,	Blandford, Mass.
John Allworth,	March 10, 1874,	Minister,	Oxford.
William D. Attack,	Sept. 20, 1866	Minister,	Orion.
John A. Baldwin,	Oct. 14, 1875.	Banker,	Detroit.
Peleg Barker,	June 3, 1855,	Minister,	Royal Oak.
Edward A. Berry,	Sept. 4, 1870,	Minister,	Romeo.
Samuel D. Breed,	Feb. 19, 1862,	Minister,	Ann Arbor.
William H. Davis,	July 5, 1877,	Minister,	Detroit.
Clarence Eddy,	April 5, 1865,	Without Charge,	Waterford, N. Y.
Zachary Eddy,	Mar. 10, 1835,	Minister,	Atlanta, Ga.
George C. Empson,	May 24, 1868,	Minister,	Wayne.
Jacob Flook.	Nov. 23, 1880,	Minister,	Atlanta, Ga.
Nelson Green,	May 2, 1858.	Without Charge,	Detroit.
Wm. Hollinshead	—, 1874,	Minister.	Rochester.
Robert Hovenden,	Nov. 21, 1866,	Lawyer,	East Tawas.
Ward I. Hunt.	Jan. 4, 1854,	Minister,	Columbus.
Philo R. Hurd,	July 1, 1840,	Retired,	Detroit.
Morgan P. Jones,	Aug. 13, 1883,	Minister,	Vernon.
Harvey D. Kitchel,	Feb. 20, 1839,	Retired,	East Liverpool, O
James D. Liggett,	Dec. 18, 1859,	Teacher,	Detroit.
Robert Parsons,	May 10, 1854,	Minister,	Flat Rock.
Charles A. Perry,	Oct. 16, 1882,	Minister,	Randolph, Vt.
Wm. G. Roberts,	Sept. 10, 1872,	Minister,	Hudson.
A. Hastings Ross,	Oct. 17, 1861,	Minister,	Port Huron.
John P. Sanderson,	Aug. 20, 1876,	Editor,	Detroit.
Peter Schermerhorn,	Aug. 25, 1884,	Minister,	New Haven.
Wm. Scurr.	Sept. 16 1883,	Minister,	Minden City.
Wm. R. Seaver,	March 31, 1869,	Minister,	Pontiac.
Calvin S. Shattuck,	Oct. 16, 1849,	Minister,	Memphis.
Moses Smith,	Sept. 21, 1859,	Minister,	Detroit.
Edward P. Stone.	Oct. 14, 1861,	Without Charge,	Arkdale.
Oren C. Thompson,	Nov. —, 1834,	Retired,	Detroit.
Richard Vivian,	Apr. 23, 1876,	Minister,	Vestaburg.
Robert W. Wallace,	May 26, 1872,	Minister,	Detroit.
William P. Wastell,	June —, 1832,	Retired,	Clinton.
John Whalley,	Aug. 1, 1871,	Minister,	Middleville.
Malan H. Wright,	Mar. 16, 1882,	Minister,	New Baltimore.
Newell S. Wright,	Aug. 7, 1873,	Secular Business,	Detroit.

IV.
GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Formed Oct. 15, 1845.

Scribe, Rev. FAYETTE HURD, Grand Blanc.

Meetings—Fourth Tuesday of April and September.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Theophilus C. Abbott,	June 7, 1867,	Prof. Ag'l College,	Lansing.
Hagap, H. Acterian,	Oct. 14, 1877,	Minister,	Athens, Maine.
William Anderson,	Feb. 11, 1881,	Minister,	Laingsburg.
Horatio A. Barker,	Oct. 10, 1852,	Minister,	Oakley.
Andrew O. Cossar,	Aug. 15, 1876,	Minister,	St. Johns.
Andrew M. Cross,	Nov. 5, 1883,	Without Charge,	Shepardsville.
Lewis P. Frost,	Sept. 20, 1850,	Without Charge,	Janesville, Wis.
N. Dimic Glidden,	April 9, 1859,	Minister,	Ithaca.
Fayette Hurd,	Oct. 1, 1863,	Minister,	Grand Blanc.
J. F. Kellogg,	Sept. —, 1865,	Minister,	Fentonville.
Wilfred M. Kellogg,	Sept. 30, 1872,	Minister,	Linden.
Lucius O. Lee,	Nov. 17, 1875,	Minister,	Marash, Turkey.
Richard Lewis,	Feb. 28, 1864,	Minister,	Bancroft.
George E. Lincoln,	Aug. 24, 1878,	Minister,	Highland Station.
J. Monroe Lyon,	Dec. 2, 1879,	Minister,	Hadley.
Henry W. Mercer	April 18, 1865.	Minister,	Stockbridge, Wis.
Lester B. Platt,	Nov. 5, 1877,	Minister,	Flint.
Robert Quaife,	March —, 1851,	Evangelist,	East Toledo, Ohio.
Jonathan E. Richards,	Sept. 3, 1876,	Without Charge,	St. Johns.
Samuel Sessions,	Oct. 9, 1832,	Retired,	St. Johns.
Robert Stapleton,	Jan. 23, 1877,	Minister,	Maple Rapids.
Arthur A. Wall,	Sept. 26, 1883,	Minister,	Ashley.
Alfred T. Waterman,	Nov. 9, 1864,	Minister,	Ovid.
George H. Wilson,	Sept. 6, 1876,	Minister,	Owosso.
Fred. C. Wood,	March 22, 1881,	Minister,	Clio.

V.

GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE.

Formed Jan. 8, 1846.

Scribe, REV. HENRY UTTERWICK, Grand Rapids

Meetings—Second Tuesday of April and October.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Marcus S. Angell,	Sept. 30, 1860,	Without Charge,	Grand Rapids.
Darius Bettes,	June 10, 1848,	Retired,	Grand Rapids.
George Candee,	Nov. 4, 1862,	Minister,	Wayland,
Danforth L. Eaton,	March 1, 1848,	Without Charge,	Lowell.
Nathaniel K. Evarts,	Feb. --, 1850,	Retired,	Dorr.
Clarence Finster,	March 24, 1878,	Minister,	Allendale.
David W. Francis,	Aug. 30, 1878,	—	—
Erastus C. Herrington,	June 1, 1848,	Minister,	Sand Lake.
Henry M. Holliday,	March 6, 1866,	Retired,	Olivet.
Henry C. Hurlbut,	Oct. 20, 1861,	Minister,	East Lake.
John T. Husted,	Oct. 4, 1868,	Minister,	Lowell.
Ira B. Jones,	Sept. 21, 1860,	Minister,	Hopkins.
George Lloyd,	July 9, 1884,	Minister,	Croton.
Alexander R. Merriam,	Oct. 31, 1877,	Minister,	Grand Rapids.
Benjamin Moore,	Nov. 4, 1857,	Retired,	Middleville.
George A. Pollard,	Sept. 26, 1855,	Retired,	Grand Rapids.
Harvey P. Robinson,	Oct. 29, 1860,	Minister,	Irving.
John Sailor,	June 10, 1848,	Minister,	Grand Rapids.
Ben. F. Sargent,	June 22, 1877,	Minister,	Grand Rapids.
Edwin W. Shaw,	Sept. 1, 1858,	Without Charge,	La Barge.
Charles B. Shear,	May 23, 1872,	Minister,	Ada.
Henry Utterwick,	Oct. 28, 1866,	Minister,	Grand Rapids

VI.

GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE.

Formed Jan. 1, 1863.

Scribe, L. P. JUDSON, Benzonia.

Meetings—Third Tuesday of January and Fourth Tuesday of June.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Charles W. Carrick,	Jan. 5, 1881,	Minister,	Frankfort.
Charles S. Delvin,	Sept. 15, 1884,	Minister,	Pierport.
Lewis E. Hale,	June 12, 1877,	Farmer,	Bear Lake.
Elihu Linkletter,	Aug. 17, 1876,	Farmer,	Almira.
Joseph D. Millard,	July 8, 1862,	Minister,	Bear Lake.
Daniel Miller,	Sept. 9, 1868,	Farmer,	Glen Arbor.
Selah W. Noyes,	Sept. 22, 1863,	Minister,	Frankfort.
William G. Puddefoot,	Jan. 29, 1880,	Minister,	Traverse City.
Richard Redefoff,	June 7, 1861,	Minister,	Sherman.
John B. Roberts,	Sept. 14, 1841,	Minister,	Old Mission.
Enos B. Scott,	April 3, 1882,	Minister,	Onekema.
Otis B. Waters,	Feb. 12, 1861,	Minister,	Benzonia.

VII.

JACKSON ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 1, 1866.

Scribe, REV. D. N. GOODRICH, Northville

Meetings—Third Tuesday of April and October.

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
William C. Allen,	June 11, 1873,	Minister,	Leslie.
Orange C. Bailey,	Oct. 13, 1885,	Minister,	Dexter.
Horatio N. Burton,	Dec. 31, 1857,	Minister,	Union City.
Cornelius S. Cady,	Sept. 2, 1843,	Without Charge,	Ann Arbor.
Frederick M. Coddington,	March 30, 1885,	Minister,	Pinckney.
Martin L. D'Ooge,	Oct. 16, 1878,	Prof. Mich. Univ'ty,	Ann Arbor.
Darius N. Goodrich,	June 19, 1865,	Minister,	Northville.
George H. Grannis,	Nov. 1, 1876,	Without Charge,	Ashland, Wis.
Thomas Holmes,	Nov. 3, 1844,	Without Charge,	Chelsea.
Jesse W. Hough,	March 13, 1859,	Minister,	Paris, France.
William Jones,	Oct. 5, 1879,	Without Charge,	Delhi Mills.
John A. Kaley,	March 10, 1876,	Minister,	Chelsea.
John Patchin,	July 25, 1850,	Minister,	Grass Lake.
William H. Ryder,	Dec. 14, 1869,	Minister,	Ann Arbor

VIII.

KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION.

Formed June 1, 1849.

Registrar, REV. MOTIER A. BULLOCK, South Haven.

Meetings—First Tuesday of April and October.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Elizur Andrus,	Sept. 27, 1850,	Minister,	Douglas.
Thomas G. Baxter,	March 19, 1883,	Minister,	Cooper.
Park A. C. Bradford,	July 30, 1879	—	—
William Bradley,	Aug. 23, 1875,	Minister,	Almont.
William H. Brewster,	July 8, 1838,	Minister,	Benton Harbor.
Motier A. Bullock,	Oct. 19, 1876,	Minister,	South Haven.
John J. Bunnell,	Oct. 1, 1860,	Minister,	Bridgeman.
Albert B. Cochran,	Feb. 28, 1882,	Minister,	Bangor.
E. Danforth Curtis,	May 31, 1883,	General Missionary,	Grand Rapids.
Charles Evans,	May —, 1873,	Minister.	Watervliet.
Joseph S. Graves,	April 10, 1843,	Retired,	Niles.
Edward H. Harvey,	May —, 1872.	Without Charge,	Augusta.
Ebenezer Herbert,	Oct. 28, 1884	Minister,	Mattawan.
John V. Hickmott,	Jan. 3, 1850,	Minister,	St. Joseph.
John S. Kidder,	Sept. 12, 1843,	Retired,	Hopkins.
Moses M. Martin,	Aug. 25, 1864,	Minister,	Three Oaks.
Isaac W. McKeever,	Oct. 20, 1861,	Minister,	Allegan.
William Mitchell,	Oct. —, 1857,	Minister,	Galesburg.
Peter W. Perry,	Sept. 14, 1856,	Minister,	Dowagiac.
David H. Reiter,	May 14, 1863,	Minister,	Vicksburg.
Henry H. Smith,	Sept. 7, 1873,	Minister,	White Cloud.
James F. Taylor,	Jan. 11, 1835,	Retired,	Saugatuck.
Charles Temple,	Oct. —, 1851,	Retired,	Otsego.
Waters Warren,	—, 1832,	Retired,	Three Oaks.
Melvin C. Wood,	July 25, 1879,	Minister,	Athens.
William Woodmansee,	Dec. 10, 1871,	Minister,	Hudson.

IX.

LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE.

Formed Aug. 12, 1879.

Scribe, F. G. COGGIN, Lake Linden

Next Meeting, Second Thursday of August, 1886.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Robert M. Higgins,	Nov. 17, 1880,	Minister,	Calumet.
John W. Savage,	Sept. 19, 1882,	Minister,	Lake Linden.
Frank N. White,	Dec. 17, 1881,	Minister,	Hancock.

X.

LANSING ASSOCIATION.

Formed March 30, 1880.

Scribe, REV. DWIGHT P. BREED, Portland

Meetings—Fourth Monday of March and September.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Dwight Payson Breed,	Jan. 15, 1873,	Minister,	Portland.
Arthur H. Clafin,	—	Minister,	Sheidan.
Augustine G. Hibbard,	Dec. —, 1854,	Minister,	Stanton.
Joseph Keightley,	Sept. 10, 1870,	Minister,	Mecosta.
Henry Marsh,	April 23, 1875,	Minister,	Edmore.
Charles Parker,	Oct. 9, 1870,	—	—
James L. Patton,	Oct. 28, 1862,	Minister,	Greenville.
Theodore P. Prudden,	Dec. 22, 1874,	Minister,	Chicago, Ill.
William H. Skentelbury,	July 7, 1875,	Minister,	Hubbardston.
Leroy Warren,	Oct. 12, 1862,	Supt. H. Missions,	Lansing.
Jesse A. S. Worden,	Sept. 26, 1867,	Minister,	Saranac.

XI.

MUSKEGON ASSOCIATION.

Formed January 13, 1864.

Scribe, REV. AUSTIN H. NORRIS, Newaygo -

Meetings—Third Tuesday of March and September.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Edwin I. Ayer,	August 29, 1883,	Minister,	Grand Junction.
William T. Beale,	June 7, 1882,	Minister,	Whitehall.
George Benford,	August 31, 1881,	Minister,	Fremont.
James A. Craig,	June 22, 1883,	Student,	Germany.
Leander Curtiss,	Feb. 20, 1856,	Minister,	East Gilead.
Miner W. Fairfield,	Oct. —, 1848,	Minister,	Ypsilanti.
Rufus W. Fletcher,	Jan. 5, 1875,	Minister,	Hart.
John Jefferies,	June 4, 1877,	Minister,	Covert.
Charles H. Keays,	Aug. 1, 1882,	Minister,	Grand Haven
Adam S. Kedzie,	June 3, 1845,	Editor,	Grand Haven.
Austin H. Norris,	Dec. 22, 1872,	Minister,	Newaygo.
Thomas Parker,	Oct. 10, 1870,	Minister,	Shelby.
William J. Smith,	April —, 1844,	Farmer,	Whitehall.
Levi F. Waldo,	July 9, 1844,	Minister,	Pentwater.
Theodore B. Willson,	July 24, 1879,	Minister,	Muskegon.

XII.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Formed March 12, 1873.

Scribe, — — — — —

Meetings—Second Tuesday of March and Fourth Tuesday of September.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Sidney B. Demarest,	Sept. 7, 1869,	Minister,	Baldwin.
Edmund B. Fairfield,	July 10, 1845,	Minister,	Manistee.
Mathew S. Gray,	Jan. 9, 1857,	Minister,	East Paris.
John B. Kaye,	Oct. 14, 1867,	Minister,	Custer.
Russell M. Keyes,	Aug. 3, 1865,	Minister,	Ludington.
Elisha W. Miller.	Oct. 23, 1873,	State S. S. Supt.,	Big Rapids.
John Nicol,	May 21, 1882,	Minister,	Chase.
T. Arthur Porter,	Feb. 25, 1879,	Minister,	Hersey.
William E. Sillence,	July 2, 1879,	Minister,	Manistee.
Levi P. Spelman,	May 2, 1860,	Minister,	Big Rapids.
Albert J. Van Camp,	June 7, 1874,	Without Charge,	Clare

XIII.
OLIVET CONFERENCE.

Formed Aug. 18, 1847.

Scribe, Rev. HORACE R. WILLIAMS, Vermontville.

Meetings—On the last Wednesday of April and October.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Emp'oyment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Walter M. Barrows,	Nov. 1, 1872,	Secretary A. H. M. S.,	New York City.
John R. Bonney,	Jan. 18, 1863,	Minister,	Bronson.
Stephen O Bryant,	Feb. 13, 1868,	Without Charge,	Olivet.
Frederick W. Bush,	May 16, 1871,	Minister,	Perry.
Horatio Q. Butterfield,	Oct. 5, 1854,	Prest. Olivet Col.,	Olivet.
Joseph L. Daniels,	April 27, 1876,	Prof. Olivet Col.,	Olivet.
Joseph Estabrook,	Oct. —, 1852,	Prof. Olivet Col.	Olivet.
Henry M. Goodwin,	Feb. 19, 1851,	Prof. Olivet Col.,	Olivet.
O. S. Grinnell,	Oct. 8, 1879,	Minister,	Nashville.
Oramel Hosford,	Feb. 24, 1858,	Prof. Olivet Col.,	Olivet.
Jean F. Loba,	—	Prof. Olivet Col.,	Olivet.
Austin N. McConnoughay,	Aug. 23, 1843,	Without Charge,	Caro.
Henry C. Morse,	Feb. 12, 1846,	Farmer,	Union City.
J. Malcolm Smith,	April 4, 1863,	Without Charge,	Olivet.
Charles Spooner,	Sept. 18, 1837,	Retired,	Olivet.
Orange H. Spoor,	Nov. 1, 1861,	Without Charge,	Charlotte.
James Verney,	Oct. 7, 1868,	Without Charge,	Pine Creek.
Charles A. Wight,	May 19, 1885,	Minister,	Eaton Rapids.
Horace R. Williams,	May 5, 1864,	Minister,	Vermontville.
Wolcott B. Williams	Feb. 2, 1854,	Agent Olivet Col.,	Charlotte.

XIV.
SAGINAW CONFERENCE.

Formed May 1, 1886.

Scribe, REV. WILLIAM C. CALLAND, St. Louis.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
William C. Calland,	Dec. 7, 1880,	Minister,	St. Louis.
George C. Dalgliesh,	Mar. 1, 1874,	Minister,	Roscommon.
John B. Dawson,	Oct. 19, 1860,	Without Charge,	Essexville.
Theodore Hook,	Oct. 1, 1862,	Minister,	Tawas City.
Walter D. King,	Nov. 16, 1881,	Minister,	Essexville.
William W. Lyle,	Sept. 3, 1850,	Minister,	Bay City.
Franklin Noble,	April 30, 1862,	Minister,	East Saginaw.
Calvin Selden,	—	Minister,	Bridgeport.
Oakley B. Thurston,	Mar. 2, 1886,	Minister,	Standish.
John Van Antwerp,	Oct. —, 1847,	Minister,	Alma.
Helmas H. Van Auken,	Dec. 8, 1864,	Minister,	Alpena.

XV.
SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Formed June 17, 1848.

Scribe, REV. JOSEPH A. BARNES, Mason

Meetings—Third Monday of April and October, at 7.30 P. M.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
James Armstrong,	—, 1857,	Merchant,	Hopkins.
Joseph A. Barnes,	Sept. 29, 1881,	Minister,	Mason.
Jesse P. Borton,	Oct. 20, 1881,	Minister,	North Adams.
Edwin T. Branch,	Feb. 21, 1849,	Minister,	Canandaigua.
Ferdinand E. Carter,	Aug. 25, 1885,	Minister,	Church's Corners.
Henry Coate,	July 8, 1874,	Minister,	Dundee.
Kendrick H. Crane,	Mar. 4, 1874,	Minister,	Addison.
Sawyer B. Downer,	May 12, 1875,	Secular Business,	Prattville.
Walter Radford,	Sept. 29, 1874,	Minister,	—
Jacob D. Shults,	Sept. 30, 1865,	Minister,	Whittaker.
Clark C. Wood,	Dec. 4, 1884,	Minister,	Bedford.
Richard Wrench.	Feb. 22, 1851,	Minister,	Maybee.

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Statistics of the Churches.

From March 31st, 1885 to April 1st, 1886.

The names of Ministers connected with the General Association,
with their Postoffice address, will be found on pages 105 and 106.

I.—CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE.

Formed February 13th, 1878.

Time of Meetings: Second Tuesday of December and June.

Scribe, REV. PAGE F. McCLELLAND, Atwood.

CHURCHES.	Name.	Organized.	MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.		BAPT.		NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.		Sunday School Beneficences.	Average Attended.	Whole Number in Sunday School.	Sunday School Attended.	Per cent. Attending Church.	
			Minister.	Commenced Labor.	Total.	Females.	Males.	Present.	Total.	Deaths.	Diseases.	Total.	Infants.	Adults.						
Alba.....	Mar. 11, 1879	Richard M. Burgess.....	1875 Feb.	10, 1884	23	32	23	7	4	2	6	1	4	0	5	1	0	W. E. Rice.....	... 6 75 100	
Banks,.....	June 8, 1867	Page F. McClelland.....	1872 Sept.	1, 1884	4	7	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	Page F. McClelland.	... 20 6 75	
Bellaire.....	Sept. 3, 1883	H. A. Kerns.....	1886 June	1, 1886	4	12	16	3	4	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	Madison E. Wade.....	... 75 60 75	
Berryville.....	Feb. 27, 1879	Chas. F. Tuttle.....	1886 June	15, 1885	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	30 18 100	... 30 18 100	
Central Lake.....	Mar. 12, 1884	H. A. Kerns.....	1886 June	1, 1886	*	5	9	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50 40 100	... 50 40 100	
Charlevoix.....	Sept. 19, 1882	Chauncey F. Van Auken	1877 Sept.	19, 1882	21	39	60	5	5	2	7	0	0	1	1	2	1	Prof. H. M. Enos.....	... 125 75 20 63 75	
Cheboygan.....	July 27, 1872	Will S. Bugbee.....	1875 Nov.	1, 1885	24	54	78	12	9	10	19	1	13	5	19	2	1	W. S. Bugbee.....	... 145 97 62	
Eastport.....	June 9, 1885	Page F. McClelland.....	1872 Oct.	5, 1884	5	10	15	1	7	8	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	... 75 45 75
bExcelsior.....	Apr. 30, 1879	William Sidebotham.....	1873 July	1, 1885	9	8	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	David W. Stewart.....	... 100 75 50
Gaylord.....	Apr. 26, 1877	Wm. H. Millar.....	1857 Feb.	1, 1885	30	23	53	0	30	3	33	0	0	0	0	10	12	S. W. Buck.....	... 100 75 50	
cHayes.....	June 12, 1884	John F. Crane.....	1885 Oct.	15, 1885	14	9	23	3	0	0	0	1	4	1	6	0	0	0	0	... 100 75 50
Horton's Bay.....	June 26, 1885	John F. Crane	1885 Oct.	15, 1885	8	11	19	1	9	10	19	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	W. H. Ohle.....	... 25 21 6 00 95
Kalkaska.....	Jan. 15, 1875	William Sidebotham.....	1873 July	1, 1885	17	30	47	3	2	4	6	0	11	4	15	2	0	E. A. Palmer.....	... 128 64 50	
Mancelona.....	Aug. 5, 1874	Benjamin J. Baxter.....	1878 Apr.	30, 1885	12	23	35	3	1	4	5	0	0	4	0	4	1	Mrs. Bartlett.....	... 80 65 20	
Northport.....	Feb. 22, 1863	Chas. D. Banister.....	1886 Aug.	6, 1885	19	29	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	Wm. Gill.....	... 60 40 50	
Rondo.....	July 11, 1883	Mark W. Tuck.....	1852 May	1, 1886	5	5	10	0	3	2	5	0	1	3	4	5	0	C. H. Hoffman.....	... 45 35 100	
Vanderbilt.....	Dec. 8, 1880	Chas. F. Tuttle.....	1885 June	15, 1885	13	18	31	7	7	1	8	0	4	0	4	1	0	Thomas Yule.....	... 82 55 90	
Westwood.....	Mar. 14, 1883	Benjamin J. Baxter.....	1878 Apr.	29, 1885	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Erastus Warren.....	... 35 25 100	
Wolverine.....	Sept. 5, 1883	Mark W. Tuck.....	1852 May	1, 1886	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F. J. Beekley.....	... 40 30 75	
Total.....	19				223	334	557	51	81	47	128	4	51	15	70	31	16		1117 765 33 38	

*Last year's report.

†Licentiate.

aAtwood P. O.

cCharlevoix P. O.

bKalkaska P. O.

I.—CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	PARISH EXPENSES From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886.		ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	BENEVOLENCES.		Total Benevolences
		Number of Families in the parish.	Amount of Minister's Salary, Rents, Incumbent's Par- sonage.		Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	
Alba	Mrs. Cora Brooks	94	\$500 00	\$117 95	\$12 00	\$2 33	\$12 00
Banks	^a Mrs. L. M. Kanagy	20	600 00	139 40	22 74	\$2 33	^b 64 19
Bellaire	Mrs. Reitta B. Wadsworth	100	600 00	100 40	8 00	4 00	12 00
Berryville.....	^b Madison E. Wade	15	120 00	10 00	3 00	.....	3 00
Central Lake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charlevoix	Mrs. B. Suffield	80	1000 00	184 64	5400	2 50	9 00
Cheboygan	Alonzo P. Frost	95	900 00	555 32	4000	1 81	23 77
Eastport	Mrs. C. B. Zeran	25	600 00	1 00	.....	13 54	.....
Excelsior.....	^c Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell	30	100 00	10 00	600	10 00	13 54
Gaylord	Sanford W. Buck .....	.....	500 00	.....	1500	23 67	11 30
Hayes	^d A. R. Struthers .....	.....	200 00	9 00	.....	5 00	28 67
Horton's Bay	Mrs. Cecilia A. Stroud	30	210 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kalkaska	Miss Ella Tabor	60	600 00	82 00	1500	5 00	44 20
Mancelona	Mrs. Jesse Wisler	100	700 00	188 00	2000	5 00	7 65
Northport	Miss Jennie Gill	650 00	49 81	1800	600	5 00	46 27
Rondo	F. D. Clark	18	250 00	.....	600	11 00	45 61
Vanderbilt	H. L. Bonner	40	380 00	200 00	600	125	23 50
Westwood	Wm. A. Anderson	50	250 00	16 00	700	2 50	1 12
Wolverine	Mrs. E. E. Eck	40	280 00	.....	1400	450	.....
		797	\$820 00	\$1663 52	\$26250	\$1575	\$19 77
							\$289 19
							\$23 10
							\$79 01
							\$2 39
							\$8 93
							\$10 00
							\$2 35
							\$14 00
							\$448 74

^aAtwood P. O. ^bVanderbilt P. O. ^cKalkaska P. O. ^dCharlevoix P. O.

II.—CHIPPEWA AND MACKINAC CONFERENCE.

Formed March 17, 1880.

Meetings:—Second Tuesday of July.

a Sault Ste. Marie. *b* Bay Mts. *c* Licentiate. *d* Last year's report.

II.—CHIPPEWA AND MACKINAC CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	PARISH EXPENSES From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886.		ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PRO- PERTY.	BENEVOLENCES.		TOTAL BENEVOLENCEs
		Amount of Families in the parish.	Amount of Par- sonage.		Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	
Bay Mills.....	Annie H. Scribner	10	\$400 00	\$3 50	\$360	.....	\$3 60
Bethel.....	.....	10	290 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hay Lake	^a Richard McCall	12	290 00	300	.....	4 48	.....
Mt. Zion	^a Robert H. Campbell.....	50	350 00	80 00	800	5 10	5 10
Newberry.....	Mary E. Curry.....	30	400 00	740	6 75	.....	.....
Pine Grove.....	^c Thomas Knowles	19	700 00	2500	50	5 66	7 75
Rosedale.....	^a E. W. Agar.....	55	425 00	10 00	50	15 00	5 66
St. Ignace.....	Fred G. Truscott.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Sugar Island	^d James Tait.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Superior	^b Fannie F. Gowan.....	216	\$2855 00	\$163 50	\$4700	\$50	\$1 00
							\$13 00
							\$58 39

^aSault St. Marie P. O. ^bBay Mills P. O.

Formed March 12, 1840.

III.—EASTERN CONFERENCE.

Meetings: First Tuesday of May and Second Tuesday of November.

Registrar, REV. EDWARD A. BERRY, Romeo.

Name.	Organized.	CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.		BAPT.		NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.		Average Number in Sunday School.		Per cent. Attended.					
		Males.	Females.	Minister.	Commenced Labor.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Debts.	Adults.	Infants.	Average Number in Sunday School.	Per cent. Attended.	Benevolent Societies.	Sunday Schools.	Per cent. Attended.	Engl. Church.			
Almont	Dec. 6, 1838	*William Bradley.....	1875 July 1, 1886	69	92	24	0	12	2	6	9	8	12	0	C. R. Ferguson.....	106	\$3 50	77	\$3 50	50			
Armeda	Sept. 22, 1838	+William W. Davidson.....	1875 May 30, 1886	35	75	110	35	0	5	1	5	0	6	0	0	H. Barrows.....	324	165	50	19	50		
aBruce	July 31, 1838			† 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F. L. Hart.....	77	46	.....	.....	76		
Chesterfield	Feb. 13, 1847	Peter Schermerhorn	1884 Nov. 15, 1885	10	20	30	8	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	Herman J. Vogt.....	78	37	5	70	98		
Columbus	Sept. 29, 1851	Ward I. Hunt.....	1854 Aug. 1, 1879	35	54	89	29	4	0	4	1	1	2	1	1	Allan Bourn.....	225	175	288	39	60		
Detroit, 1st	Dec. 25, 1844	William H. Davis.....	1877 May 20, 1884	120	275	395	30	9	22	31	2	24	24	2	1	14	412	234	.....	.....	90		
Detroit, 2nd	April 3, 1866	Moses Smith.....	1859 Oct. 5, 1879	142	305	447	33	24	24	1	24	2	27	8	12	C. W. Moore.....	542	355	142	71	71		
Detroit, Trumbull Av	April 27, 1881	Robert W. Wallace.....	1872 April 27, 1881	59	126	185	5	30	13	43	1	11	0	12	8	14	M. L. Williams.....	225	122	38	86	10	
Detroit, Ft. Wayne	April 28, 1881	Abram B. Allen.....	1869 Mar. 18, 1883	14	43	57	1	4	0	4	0	5	2	7	1	2	James R. Walker.....	90	64	.....	.....	50	
Detroit, Harper Av	May 19, 1885	Robert Parsons.....	1854 Mar. 20, 1858	12	32	44	1	7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	J. F. S. McKinney.....	40	35	35	00	50	
Flat Rock	Mar. 20, 1858	Robert Parsons.....	1854 Mar. 21, 1872	14	30	44	1	7	0	7	3	5	0	8	6	1	James S. Rowley.....	150	97	.....	.....	50	
Inlay City	Sept. 3, 1872			26	68	94	12	19	8	27	1	5	0	1	15	5	.....	40	25	.....	.....	50	
Lexington	Sept. 16, 1866			**10	15	25	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	D. B. Conner.....	145	85	.....	.....	50	
Memphis	June 24, 1840	Calvin S. Shattuck.....	1849 Oct. 16, 1885	31	56	87	12	20	2	22	1	1	6	1	8	9	1	Stephen G. Taylor.....	100	80	.....	.....	75
Metamora	Mar. 14, 1878	J. Monroe Lyon.....	1879 Nov. 4, 1885	23	34	57	6	0	1	1	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	Rev. Wm. Scurr.....	48	35	25	50	20
Minden	May 14, 1879	William Scurr.....	1883 April 1, 1885	3	17	20	0	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Rev. J. Allworth.....	60	40	4	25	50
Nankin & Livonia	April 2, 1871			**6	16	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Horace Perkins.....	104	73	.....	.....	25
New Baltimore	April 29, 1856	Malan H. Wright.....	1882 May 10, 1885	7	20	27	3	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	S. Eber Mills.....	56	39	14	00	5
New Haven	Oct. 20, 1868	Peter Schermerhorn	1884 Nov. 22, 1885	13	30	43	9	6	1	7	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	Edison Taylor.....	40	25	.....	.....	100
Oakwood	May 20, 1848			12	20	32	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	Chas. F. Berridge.....	60	40	5	88	60
Orion	Jan. 18, 1853	William D. Attack.....	1866 June 26, 1885	6	21	38	1	3	4	0	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	Rev. J. H. McKnight.....	115	78	.....	.....	50
Oxford	Feb. 27, 1877	John Allworth.....	1874 Jan. 27, 1884	17	40	57	25	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Arthur Fuller.....	125	70	.....	.....	50
Pontiac	Feb. 6, 1831	William R. Seaver.....	1869 April 1, 1885	32	87	119	16	5	9	14	1	13	0	14	5	2	0	Prof. Zeigler.....	100	62	25	00	15
Port Huron	May 8, 1840	A. Hastings Ross.....	1861 June 1, 1876	7	15	22	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	Wm. J. Mulford.....	285	200	169	63	80
Port Sanilac	Sept. 2, 1854			.....	4	8	12	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	45	60	40	50	50
Ray Center	Feb. 13, 1838			.....	4	15	22	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond	June 27, 1872			.....	18	62	80	12	0	2	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rochester	July 6, 1827	William Hollinshead.....	1874 July 1, 1886	22	68	90	19	0	3	3	2	7	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rockwood	Mar. 1, 1886	Robert Parsons.....	1854 Mar.	7	10	17	0	16	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Rev. E. A. Berry.....	195	117	.....	.....	50
Romeo	Aug. 16, 1828	Edward A. Berry.....	1870 April 6, 1884	61	132	193	0	8	7	15	5	4	1	10	12	0	0	John Fulton.....	63	43	.....	.....	50
Royal Oak	Aug. 13, 1842	Peleg Barker.....	1855 Sept. 11, 1885	18	33	51	17	4	2	6	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	Chas. F. Moore.....	164	98	.....	.....	50
St. Clair	Feb. 10, 1841	J. Walter Thrush.....	1881 July 19, 1885	19	82	101	16	1	0	1	2	9	0	11	0	0	0	George Banister.....	107	52	32	00	40
Utica	Jan. 11, 1855	J. Walter Thrush.....	1883 Oct. 1, 1885	53	119	172	48	0	0	7	26	33	0	1	0	1	0	John J. Marker.....	150	120	.....	.....	50
Wayne	Aug. 29, 1848	George C. Empson.....	1868 Oct. 2, 1885	2	9	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Miss L. Ferguson.....	60	50	7	00	30
White Rock	Oct. 11, 1878	William Scurr.....	1883 April 1, 1885	977	2246	3223	448	196	146	342	40	161	56	257	85	68	68	4456	2874	\$847	60	.....	.....
Total	35																						

^a Ray Center. *Kalamazoo Association. ||Of Genesee Conference. †Theological Student. ‡Of Cong'1 Union, England. **Last year's report.

III.—EASTERN CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	BENEVOLENCES.						Total Benevolences		
		PARISH EXPENSES From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886.	ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	PERMANENT FUND.	PERSONAGE.	CHURCH ENDOWMENT.	NEW WEST EDUCATION. NEW COMMUNION.	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SOCIETY.	MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.	OTHER BENEVOLENCES
Almont	Mrs. Mary W. Sherman	\$800 00	\$25000 00	\$1000	\$8 00	\$36 47	\$4 47	\$13 50	\$23 37	\$95 81
Armadale.....	E. D. A. True	500 00	200 00	1200	78 70	35 73	30 59	\$29 99	.....	176 01
Bruce.....	.....	600 00	200 00	1600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chesterfield.....	.....	200 00	.....	700	800	\$40	8 97	29 59	13 76	52 32
Columbus.....	b Nathan B. Clark	108 00	3500 00	6846 99	50000	1279 06	3154 98	267 59	\$100 00	1660 45
Detroit, 1st.....	Francis Raymond	200 00	3000 00	45000	.....	1158 34	3009 02	87 71	2296 00	1497 00
Detroit, 2d.....	L. M. Curtis.....	250 00	1500 00	900 00	10000	134 39	156 82	9 00	10 00	9163 07
Detroit, Trumbull Ave.....	Roman A. Bissell	100 00	1200 00	169 14	3860	200	12 36	13 00	.....	56 55
Detroit, Fort Wayne.....	James R. Walker	80 00	800 00	73 90	1000	40 06	44 00	.....	.....	366 76
Detroit, Harper Ave.....	C. P. Adams .....	.....	300 00	160 00	3800	.....	5 28	.....	.....	25 06
Flat Rock.....	John H. Peters	31 00	800 00	115 00	3500	1500	4 15	7 65	4 50	84 06
Imay City.....	N. B. Eldredge	65 00	700 00	370 52	2500	.....	16 00	11 10	2 00	5 28
Lexington.....	Mrs. W. P. Russell	75 00	600 00	120 00	3600	.....	5 00	.....	3 00	16 30
Memphis.....	D. B. Conner	31 00	500 00	150 00	3300	.....	10 00	1 50	.....	50 00
Minden.....	Mrs. C. W. Messmore	20 00	500 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 10
Nankin and Livonia.....	W. C. Milton	74 00	580 00	100 00	3000	.....	25 00	31 04	.....	5 00
New Baltimore.....	H. H. Quick	20 00	400 00	25 00	2000	1000	14 00	30 50	9 00	61 04
New Haven.....	Benj. Giddings	35 00	300 00	175 00	900	400	.....	.....	.....	53 50
Oakwood.....	A. S. Warner	100 00	475 00	150 00	3000	.....	10 80	.....	.....	10 80
Orton.....	B. Moore	30 00	700 00	62 86	5000	.....	4 00	31 35	2 75	45 85
Oxford.....	Miss Sarah J. Palmer	75 00	1200 00	1818 00	16000	150	51 25	54 00	76 15	181 40
Pontiac.....	N. Cawthorne	300 00	2250 00	4500 00	20000	5000	3500	226 75	59 02	367 44
Port Huron.....	J. A. Hosmer .....	.....	12 50	2000	.....	.....	6 40	.....	9 00	15 40
Ray Center.....	Seth Lathrop .....	.....	1500	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	6 00
Richmond	J. M. Wilcox .....	.....	700	.....	28 00	30 00	12 00	.....	.....	70 00
Rochester.....	Watson Loud	75 00	1050 00	236 95	2500	2000	.....	6 56	7 27	13 83
Rockwood.....	George W. Blackmore	95 00	1350 00	850 00	30000	.....	313 00	235 89	112 00	701 89
Romeo.....	St. Clair	80 00	1080 00	478 33	1500	10000	3 19	7 50	38 06	12 44
Royal Oak.....	Utica	80 00	500 00	125 00	3600	.....	35 35	585 00	15 00	673 40
Utica	J. H. Boughton	100 00	800 00	850 00	2500	1600	14 50	12 00	1 00	15 00
Wayne	W. C. Steers	50 00	20 00	.....	.....	5 76	.....	.....	.....	26 50
White Rock.....	Miss L. Ferguson	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 75
		2294 00	\$26035 00	\$18509 19	\$266900 00	\$11700 00	\$3890 00	\$3211 46	\$2652 58	\$115 00
										\$144 67 \$1422 54
										\$64 18 \$3219 00
										\$19397 27

aMilton P. O. bAdair P. O.

IV.—GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Formed October 15, 1845.

Meetings : Fourth Tuesday of April and September.

CHURCHES.	Name.	MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.		BAPT.		NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.																		
		Organized.	Minister.	Ordained.	Commenced Labor.	Total.	Females.	Males.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Debths.	Dismissed.	Total.	Infrants.	Average Age Attestd.	Whole Number School.	Sunday School.	Per cent. Attend.	Ingr. Churc.									
Ashley.	June 15, 1885	Arthur A. Wall.....	1883 Oct.	7	9	16	0	6	10	16	0	0	0	3	0	Ransom M. Brooks..	60	35	75	50	50									
Bancroft.	July 30, 1880	Richard Lewis.....	1884 Sept.	4	13	17	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	2	0	Richard Lewis.....	16	15	16	15	50									
Cheesaning.	June 5, 1883	Samuel S. Schnell.....	1883 April	14	16	30	2	1	2	3	1	4	0	5	2	David O. Quigley.....	43	30	30	30	50									
East Fulton.	July 11, 1866	Robert Stapleton.....	1877 April	1	1884	10	21	31	8	7	0	0	0	6	0	James H. Lewis.....	60	40	40	40	100									
Flint.	Oct. 27, 1867	Lester B. Platt.....	1877 May	1	1883	87	167	254	45	23	6	29	0	2	0	C. T. Bridgeman.....	200	140	140	140	60									
Genesee.	April 21, 1857	Fred. C. Wood.....	1881 Feb.	1	1886	14	21	35	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	C. G. Westover.....	40	25	25	25	\$12.00									
Goodrich.	Feb. 28, 1855	.....	1883 Nov.	13	22	35	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	.....	40	25	25	25	80							
Grand Blanc.	July 18, 1883	Fayette Hurd.....	1863 Nov.	1	1882	32	49	81	10	16	2	18	0	3	0	Andrew Slaght.....	73	44	44	44	147.00									
Hartland Center.	April 4, 1844	J. F. Kellogg.....	1878 Oct.	1	1885	16	28	44	18	1	0	0	2	0	0	George E. Lincoln.....	50	45	45	45	100									
Highland Station.	Aug. 26, 1884	George E. Lincoln.....	1878 Dec.	1	1884	8	16	24	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	S. J. Phoenen	119	58	58	58	50									
Ithaca.	June 7, 1866	N. Dmic Ghidden.....	1859 Sept.	14	1884	14	26	40	5	4	0	4	0	3	3	.....	116	71	71	71	130								
Laingsburg.	July 24, 1864	William Anderson.....	1881 July	1	1883	21	39	60	7	13	4	17	1	2	0	Sidney H. Manzer.....	116	71	71	71	50									
Maple Rapids.	April 26, 1888	Robert Stapleton.....	1877 Sept.	2	1883	21	30	51	5	1	2	2	0	3	0	Perry S. Percy.....	36	25	25	25	80									
Ovid.	March 3, 1871	Alfred T. Waterman.....	1864 June	20	1884	16	37	53	0	14	3	17	0	5	13	.....	90	52	52	52	50								
Owosso.	June 11, 1863	George H. Wilson.....	1876 Dec.	10	1882	53	161	214	0	12	10	22	4	2	0	Fred. M. Briggs.....	240	150	150	150	300									
Perry.	Nov. 6, 1879	*Frederick W. Bush.....	1876 Mar.	1	1886	19	31	50	5	10	19	12	0	0	0	Richard Place.....	90	78	78	78	90									
St. Johns.	April 1, 1860	Andrew O. Cossar.....	1876 Dec.	28	1884	52	119	171	29	4	2	6	0	6	0	George N. Ferry	142	110	110	110	50									
Tyrone.	Dec. 17, 1876	J. F. Kellogg.....	1883 Dec.	1	1885	27	32	59	5	12	0	12	0	0	0	George G. Perry.....	90	60	60	60	95									
Vernon.	Jan. 11, 1851	*Morgan P. Jones.....	1883 April	1	1886	14	36	50	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	Peter Patchel	152	94	94	94	100									
Victor.	May 24, 1845	William Anderson.....	1881 Dec.	2	1883	19	34	53	3	5	2	7	1	1	0	L. H. Allen	75	50	50	50	100									
Vienna.	Nov. 12, 1877	Alfred C. Wood.....	1881 Feb.	1	1886	17	32	49	5	0	2	2	0	3	0	C. H. May	75	70	70	70	50									
																478	939 1417	136	129	46	175	14	41	17	72	75	17	1771	1192	\$97.56

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IV.—GENESEE CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	PARISH EXPENSES, From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886.		ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PRO- PERTY.		BENEVOLENCES.		Total Benevolences
		Amount of Ministers, Sal- ary, including sonage.	Amount of Parish Expenses, Salary, exclusive of Ministers' Sal- ary.	Church Edifice.	Parsonage.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	
Ashley.....	Ansel H. Phinney.....	\$70	\$400 00	\$600	\$525	.....	\$3 55	\$3 55
Bancroft.....	Mrs. H. M. Billings.....	30	750 00	250 00	2000	\$10	18 75	18 75
Cheasaning.....	A. J. Wilson.....	230	550 00	30 00	2000	\$2 00	9 00	10 00
East Fulton.....	aGeorge W. Price.....	25	350 00	50 00	2000	160 10	17 50	18 10
Flint.....	Henry R. Lovell.....	200	1450 00	500 00	8500	3500	238 23	20 60
Genesee.....	bC. G. Westover.....	25	250 00	25 00	1000	35	20 00	20 00
Goodrich.....	Sarah M. Campbell.....	50	180 20	30 00	2000	4935 00	13 00	12 00
Grand Blane.....	Edwin Parsons.....	18	650 00	100 00	1700	1000	10 00	10 48
Hartland Station.....	cEdward Lawrence.....	47	800 00	593 67	1200	1000	48 33	5 75
Ithaca.....	C. W. Marvin.....	50	550 00	153 55	1000	9 50	65 35	22 37
Laingsburg.....	Mrs. May E. Anderson.....	16	400 00	100 00	2500	6 50	48 15	4 05
Maple Rapids.....	F. T. Branch.....	70	1300 00	328 00	2500	12 95	41 05	3 41
Ovid.....	James W. Woodworth.....	160	1300 00	450 00	5000	190	54 44	11 15
Owosso.....	Alex. H. Mosher.....	51	700 00	1161 50	4250	1000	6 26	13 33
Perry.....	Henry S. Dunning.....	100	800 00	250 00	2000	62 11	68 35	10 78
St. Johns.....	C. A. Shaver.....	35	300 00	100 00	2000	13 00	23 00	2 65
Tyrone.....	dAdam Andrews.....	34	800 00	650 00	3050	71	13 00	42 10
Vernon.....	F. S. Perkins.....	50	175 00	100 00	1000	10 00	25 00	1 15
Victor.....	E. D. Post.....	75	500 00	100 00	1000	35 00	35 00	98 60
Vienna.....	eC. C. Rice.....	1336	\$1175 70	\$1026 72	\$48700	\$2516	\$398 50	\$983 11
								\$26 29
								\$14 83
								\$27 97
								\$98 60
								\$1712 26

^aBridgeville P. O. ^bMount Morris P. O. ^cClyde P. O. ^dFentonville P. O. ^eClio P. O.

Formed January 8, 1846.

V.—GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE.

Meetings: Second Monday of April and October.

Scribe, REV. HENRY UTTERWICK, Grand Rapids.

CHURCHES.	Name.	Organized.	MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.		BAPT.		NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.		Whole Number in Sunday School, Average Attended.	Sunday School Benevolence, Average Attended.	Sunday School Benevolence, Per cent. Attended.	
			Minister.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Letter.	Profession.	Dismissed.	Discipled.	Infants.	Adults.	Sunday School Benevolence, Average Attended.			
Ada, 1st.....	Sept. 28, 1869	Charles B. Shear.....	1872 Oct.	18, 1885	15	39	54	15	3	0	3	2	5	0	1	0	Stephen H. LaBarge	50
Ada, 2nd.....	Dec. 15, 1875	Charles B. Shear.....	1872 Oct.	18, 1885	11	11	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	John McMullen	35
Allendale.....	Sept. 1, 1871	Clarence Finster.....	1878 June	1, 1881	23	27	50	7	3	1	4	1	1	1	0	2	John Wobrink	48
Alpine and Walker, Jan.	2, 1869	John Sailor.....	1848 May	6, 1883	36	50	86	3	3	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	Edmund Manly	194
Bradley.....	Nov. 20, 1879	Ira B. Jones.....	1860 Dec.	1, 1885	15	21	36	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	S. S. Fox	76
Cannon.....	June 6, 1846	James E. Butler.....	.....	.....	30	35	65	5	14	0	14	1	1	0	2	5	Harry Kilson	50
Cannonsburg.....	Mar. 27, 1875	James E. Butler.....	.....	.....	8	16	24	7	6	0	6	0	0	0	5	0	Chas. S. Judson	45
Cedar Springs.....	May 9, 1874	Norman A. Millerd.....	1861 Jan.	17, 1886	53	65	118	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Erastus N. Bates	30
Dorr.....	Aug. 27, 1857	Norman A. Millerd.....	1861 Jan.	17, 1886	13	16	29	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	L. N. Fisher	85
Dorr Village.....	Nov. 11, 1875	Clarence Finster.....	1878 Nov.	1, 1883	5	8	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Marvel Garrison	40
Eastmanville.....	May 2, 1886	.....	.....	**5	12	17	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	50	45
Freeport.....	May 2, 1877	Alexander R. Merriam.....	1877 Sept.	30, 1884	163	625	69	21	23	44	6	12	0	0	2	1	Walter M. Palmer	305
Grand Rapids, 1st.....	Sept. 13, 1836	Henry Utterwick.....	1866 Mar.	24, 1880	25	75	100	4	8	3	11	0	2	0	2	1	William K. Munson	190
Grand Rapids, 2d.....	Mar. 22, 1870	Ben. F. Sargent.....	1877 Jan.	1, 1880	64	126	180	17	3	9	12	2	4	0	0	3	Marcus W. Bates	249
Grand Rapids, South.....	Dec. 12, 1878	Geo. W. Jackman.....	1886 June	1, 1886	10	23	33	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	J. C. Graham	25
Grandville.....	June 1, 1839	Geo. W. Jackman.....	1886 June	1, 1886	17	20	37	5	8	8	16	1	4	0	0	0	E. G. Morris	40
Hudsonville.....	Feb. 11, 1877	Geo. W. Jackman.....	1871 May	1, 1876	5	20	25	4	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	D. B. Pratt	45
Irving.....	June 4, 1877	John Whalley.....	1860 Sept.	1, 1885	35	54	83	11	4	15	1	1	2	0	0	3	William Craigman	190
Lamont.....	Dec. 18, 1849	Isaac Collier.....	1868 Nov.	23, 1884	20	67	87	5	4	5	9	0	2	0	0	0	W. H. Chapman	85
Lowell.....	Feb. 7, 1856	John T. Husted.....	1871 May	1, 1886	28	61	89	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	10	0	W. C. Otto	75
Middleville.....	April 5, 1846	John Whalley.....	1857 Oct.	1, 1885	9	19	28	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	Freeborn Bailey	40
Paris.....	May 2, 1860	[Matthew S. Gray.....	1871 May	1, 1876	27	36	7	3	4	7	0	1	5	1	0	1	E. W. Paine	117
Rockford.....	Feb. 23, 1847	.....	1848 Sept.	1, 1884	6	12	18	3	12	6	18	0	1	1	8	0	John Chapman	65
Sand Lake.....	Feb. 8, 1880	Erastus C. Herrington.....	1862 Aug.	1, 1881	12	34	46	11	12	1	13	1	0	0	0	0	George Candee	47
Sebewa.....	Dec. 20, 1870	.....	1862 Aug.	1, 1881	12	34	46	11	12	1	13	1	0	0	1	7	Mr. Solomon Smith	43
Wayland.....	June 5, 1860	George Candee.....	602	1206	1808	221	122	72	194	19	52	9	80	52	2519	1741
Total.....	26																\$488 22	

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†Report of 1884.

||Of Northern Central Conference.

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V.—GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE.

*a*Chapel P. O. *b*Rockford P. O. cMoline P. O.

Rockford P.O.

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Formed Jan. 1, 1863.

VI.—GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE.
Meetings—Third Tuesday of January and Fourth Tuesday of June.

Scribe, L. P. JUDSON, Benzonia.

Name.	Organized.	MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.		BAPT.		NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.		Average Attended.	Sunday School Benevolences.	Per cent. Attended.	Ing Churc.
		Minister.	Commended Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Dismisssed.	Dispplyed.	Infants.	Whole Number in Sunday School.	Average Attended.	Sunday School Benevolences.	Per cent. Attended.	Ing Churc.	
Almira.....	Dec. 18, 1864	*John G. Hodges.....	1886 Nov.	21	1885	10	13	23	10	0	1	0	0	0	35	20	
Benzonia.....	June 8, 1860	Otis B. Waters.....	1861 Jan.	11	1886	52	64	116	18	0	3	4	0	0	114	76	
Cleon and Marilla.....	June 24, 1872	Richard Redeoff.....	1861 May	1,	1882	14	7	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	30	
Empire.....	Mar. 8, 1876	.....	.....	+ 5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
Frankfort.....	Jan. 26, 1868	Charles W. Carrick.....	1881 July	12	1885	37	54	91	13	34	7	41	1	6	0	16	
Gilmore.....	Mar. 27, 1885	Selah W. Noyes.....	1863 April	1,	1885	20	23	43	0	5	2	7	0	1	10	1	
Glen Arbor.....	Aug. 11, 1867	*John G. Hodges.....	1886 Nov.	21	1885	7	14	21	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	
Homestead.....	Sept. 3, 1864	Otis B. Waters.....	1861 Jan.	10,	1886	20	30	50	8	18	5	23	0	0	0	0	
Leland.....	July 10, 1865	.....	.....	+ 5	11	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Mission.....	Nov. 26, 1879	John B. Roberts.....	1841 Oct.	29	1882	19	5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Onekama.....	May 8, 1882	Enos B. Scott.....	1882 Mar.	15	1882	19	19	38	8	3	12	15	0	1	2	1	
Pierport.....	Aug. 25, 1885	Charles S. Delvin.....	1884 Aug.	25	1885	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pleasanton.....	Jan. 28, 1866	Charles S. Delvin.....	1884 Sept.	1,	1885	7	13	20	5	0	0	1	0	0	75	50	
Sherman.....	Sept. 24, 1872	Richard Redeoff.....	1861 May	1,	1884	8	13	21	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	
Solon.....	Sept. 21, 1869	*John G. Hodges.....	1886 Nov.	21	1885	17	21	38	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	
Traverse City.....	Feb. 1, 1863	William G. Puddefoot....	1880 April	1,	1885	37	71	108	14	0	15	15	2	5	0	0	
Total.....	16					267	371	658	87	62	45	107	9	18	2	32	

*Unassociated.

†Report of 1883.

‡Report of 1884.

Almira.....	Dec. 18, 1864	*John G. Hodges.....	1886 Nov.	21	1885	10	13	23	10	0	1	0	0	0	35	20
Benzonia.....	June 8, 1860	Otis B. Waters.....	1861 Jan.	11	1886	52	64	116	18	0	3	4	0	0	114	76
Cleon and Marilla.....	June 24, 1872	Richard Redeoff.....	1861 May	1,	1882	14	7	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	30
Empire.....	Mar. 8, 1876	.....	.....	+ 5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
Frankfort.....	Jan. 26, 1868	Charles W. Carrick.....	1881 July	12	1885	37	54	91	13	34	7	41	1	6	0	16
Gilmore.....	Mar. 27, 1885	Selah W. Noyes.....	1863 April	1,	1885	20	23	43	0	5	2	7	0	1	2	10
Glen Arbor.....	Aug. 11, 1867	*John G. Hodges.....	1886 Nov.	21	1885	7	14	21	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	0
Homestead.....	Sept. 3, 1864	Otis B. Waters.....	1861 Jan.	10,	1886	20	30	50	8	18	5	23	0	0	0	0
Leland.....	July 10, 1865	.....	.....	+ 5	11	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Mission.....	Nov. 26, 1879	John B. Roberts.....	1841 Oct.	29	1882	19	5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Onekama.....	May 8, 1882	Enos B. Scott.....	1882 Mar.	15	1882	19	19	38	8	3	12	15	0	1	2	1
Pierport.....	Aug. 25, 1885	Charles S. Delvin.....	1884 Aug.	25	1885	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasanton.....	Jan. 28, 1866	Charles S. Delvin.....	1884 Sept.	1,	1885	7	13	20	5	0	0	1	0	0	75	50
Sherman.....	Sept. 24, 1872	Richard Redeoff.....	1861 May	1,	1884	8	13	21	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
Solon.....	Sept. 21, 1869	*John G. Hodges.....	1886 Nov.	21	1885	17	21	38	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Traverse City.....	Feb. 1, 1863	William G. Puddefoot....	1880 April	1,	1885	37	71	108	14	0	15	15	2	5	0	0
Total.....	16					267	371	658	87	62	45	107	9	18	2	32

Almira.....	Dec. 18, 1864	*John G. Hodges.....	1886 Nov.	21	1885	10	13	23	10	0	1	0	0	0	35	20
Benzonia.....	June 8, 1860	Otis B. Waters.....	1861 Jan.	11	1886	52	64	116	18	0	3	4	0	0	114	76
Cleon and Marilla.....	June 24, 1872	Richard Redeoff.....	1861 May	1,	1882	14	7	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	30
Empire.....	Mar. 8, 1876	.....	.....	+ 5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
Frankfort.....	Jan. 26, 1868	Charles W. Carrick.....	1881 July	12	1885	37	54	91	13	34	7	41	1	6	0	16
Gilmore.....	Mar. 27, 1885	Selah W. Noyes.....	1863 April	1,	1885	20	23	43	0	5	2	7	0	1	2	10
Glen Arbor.....	Aug. 11, 1867	*John G. Hodges.....	1886 Nov.	21	1885	7	14	21	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	0
Homestead.....	Sept. 3, 1864	Otis B. Waters.....	1861 Jan.	10,	1886	20	30	50	8	18	5	23	0	0	0	0
Leland.....	July 10, 1865	.....	.....	+ 5	11	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Mission.....	Nov. 26, 1879	John B. Roberts.....	1841 Oct.	29	1882	19	5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Onekama.....	May 8, 1882	Enos B. Scott.....	1882 Mar.	15	1882	19	19	38	8	3	12	15	0	1	2	1
Pierport.....	Aug. 25, 1885	Charles S. Delvin.....	1884 Aug.	25	1885	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasanton.....	Jan. 28, 1866	Charles S. Delvin.....	1884 Sept.	1,	1885	7	13	20	5	0	0	1	0	0	75	50
Sherman.....	Sept. 24, 1872	Richard Redeoff.....	1861 May	1,	1884	8	13	21	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
Solon.....	Sept. 21, 1869	*John G. Hodges.....	1886 Nov.	21	1885	17	21	38	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Traverse City.....	Feb. 1, 1863	William G. Puddefoot....	1880 April	1,	1885	37	71	108	14	0	15	15	2	5	0	0
Total.....	16					267	371	658	87	62	45	107	9	18	2	32

*Unassociated.

†Report of 1883.

‡Report of 1884.

VI.—GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	BENEVOLENCES.		Total Benevolences
		PARISH EXPENSES From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886.	ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PRO- PERTY.	
Almira.....	C. S. Linkletter	\$505 50	\$ 20	\$10 78
Benzonia.....	T. E. Taylor.....	750 00	\$1800	125 83
Cleon and Marilla.....	H. A. Canniff	20	9 00	9 00
Empire.....	M. H. Woodward	700 00	\$1700	17 37
Frankfort.....	George F. Barker	200 00	..	\$8 96
Gilmore.....	A. J. Goffor	11 .....	..	..
Glen Arbor.....	A. T. Case.....	35	100	9 63
Homestead.....	.....	.....	2000 .....	.....
Leland.....	.....	.....	..	..
Old Mission.....	Frank Turner	400 00	600	31 00
Onekama.....	J. D. Millard.....	132 00	8 00	3 21
Pierport.....	J. S. Walling.....	16	1200	2 50
Pleasanton.....	Wm. H. Hannaford	1200 00	4 45	31 28
Solon.....	J. G. Johnson .....	.....	5000	197 52
Traverse City.....	.....	.....	..	..
		298	\$4088 50	\$512 65
				\$13750
				\$1700
				\$83 09
				\$228 06
				\$100 66
				\$34 31
				\$3 96
				\$1 90
				\$451 98

Formed May 1, 1863.

VII.—JACKSON CONFERENCE.
Meetings—Third Tuesday of April and October.

Scribe, REV. D. N. Goodrich, Northville.

CHURCHES.	Name.	Organized.	MINISTERS.			NO. IN CHURCHES.			ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.			NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.				
			Minister.	Commenced Labor.	Ordained.	Total.	Females.	Males.	Letter.	Diseases.	Deaths.	Total.	Infants.	Adults.	Whole Number in Sunday School.	Average Attendance.	Sunday School Benevolences.	Per cent. Attended.	Ing Church.
Ann Arbor.....	Mar. 23, 1847	Wm. H. Ryder.....	1869 May	1, 1877	146	214	360	32	22	29	51	20	5	27	14	4	Martin L. D'Ooge....	200	\$36 64 90
dAugusta.....	April 18, 1854	*Jacob D Shultz.....	1865 May	11, 1885	21	24	45	11	8	4	12	0	1	1	3	2	J. R. Lord.....	80	124 12 00
Chester.....	Feb. 21, 1849	John A. Kaley.....	1876 Feb.	15, 1885	48	98	146	0	18	7	25	3	8	10	21	15	H. W. Champhin	180	124 64
Dexter.....	Oct. 4, 1837	Orange C. Bailey.....	1885 July	5, 1885	10	35	45	1	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	4	D. Lyon.....	85	50 5 00
Grass Lake.....	Dec. 16, 1835	John Patchin.....	1850 Dec.	1, 1879	28	75	103	9	8	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	Arthur G. Clark.....	85	62 10 00
Hamburg.....	Jan. 17, 1878	Fred M. Coddington.....	1885 June	14, 1885	5	18	23	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	Geo L. Hull.....	30	20 100
Jackson.....	Mar. 6, 1841	†D. M. Fish.....	1886 Jan.	31, 1886	117	317	434	29	7	5	12	7	22	12	41	0	Geo. A. W. Dodge.....	317	197 46 25
Leslie.....	April 9, 1865	Wm. C. Allen.....	1873 June	17, 1883	17	53	70	9	1	6	7	1	4	0	5	1	Wm. C. Allen	80	65 7 00
Michigan Center.....	Mar. 9, 1869	+E. Van De Hart.....	1872 June	21, 1885	7	22	24	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	Horace Farr.....	50	40 20 12
Napoleon.....	May 25, 1855	Geo. C. Bush.....	1845 July	15, 1883	13	22	35	2	15	0	2	17	0	2	0	2	Edgar A. Halladay.....	40	36 100
North Leoni.....	Jan. 8, 1877	John Patchin.....	1850 Sept.	1, 1880	10	12	22	1	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	4	S. Edwin St. John.....	56	46 95
Pinckney	June 26, 1848	Fred M. Coddington.....	1885 June	14, 1885	13	42	55	3	4	6	10	1	4	0	5	2	Jerome Winchell	96	66 75
Saline.....	Nov. 2, 1867	TMills B. Gelston.....	Dec. 1, 1879	24,	27	51	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	W. B. Thompson	50	4 00
Sandstone.....	Mar. 4, 1869	†Othias Barfell.....	1881 Aug.	30, 1885	17	32	49	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	0	Benj. Trumbull.....	80	75 100
Summit.....	Oct. 15, 1851	Darius N. Goodrich.....	1865 Nov.	1, 1883	39	52	91	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	H. B. Thayer	80	50 56 100
Union City.....	Mar. 7, 1837	Horatio N. Burton.....	1857 April	5, 1885	82	183	265	25	4	7	11	4	5	0	9	4	Edward E. Bostwick.....	394	142 16 42
cWebster.....	Feb. 26, 1860	.....	1848 Oct.	1, 1886	19	31	50	12	7	2	9	1	0	2	3	0	Isaac Terry.....	50	28
Ypsilanti	Oct. 4, 1881	?Miner W. Fairfield.....	1848 Oct.	35	99	134	14	5	9	14	1	8	0	9	1	0	M. C. Wood	150	100 85
Total.....	18				651	1351	2002	189	112	84	196	24	82	30	136	67	16		2128 1330 \$163 09

^aWhittaker P. O.^bJackson P. O.^cDelhi Mills P. O.^dOf Southern Michigan Conference.^eOf the Presbytery of Detroit.^fOf Lansing Presbytery.^gOf Muskegon Association. ^hUnassociated.

VII.—JACKSON CONFERENCE.

By { Scribe, REV. WILLIAM C. ALLEN, Leslie.
Name of Scribe erroneously given on preceding page.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	Number of Families in the parish.	Amount of Minister's Salary.	Amount of Parsonage.	Amount of Parish Expenses.	Estimate of Church Property.	BENEVOLENCES.					Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences
							Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Am. Missionary Association.	Church Education.	New West Education.		
Ann Arbor.....	Benjamin L. D'Orange	160	\$2000 00	\$1573 66	\$35000	\$780	\$508 68	\$1622 50	\$209 14	\$40 00	\$21 34	\$29 00	\$50 88
Augusta.....	oE. M. Childs	30	475 00	75 00	700	\$780	20 70	22 50	3 80	4 77	14 19	17 00	79 54
Chester.....	W. F. Hatch.....	104	790 00	318 62	4500	\$20 00	130 00	4022 31	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	79 00
Dexter.....	M. M. Warner	30	500 00	225 00	3500	.....	10 00	33 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	63 00
Grass Lake	Mrs. David Rowe	40	650 00	100 00	12000	.....	66 00	20 21	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	86 21
Hamburg.....	bC. E. Hull.....	14	100 00	1992 80	50000	3000	364 33	546 80	80 00	150 00	75 00	75 00	\$1136 13
Jackson.....	R. T. McNaughton.....	400	1523 68	1209 00	3500	1000	44 20	4 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	53 20
Leslie.....	R. C. Bishop.....	50	1000 00	219 63	4500	.....	27 32	4 34	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	36 66
Michigan Center.....	Eugene Turner .....	....	200 00	40 00	3000	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Napoleon.....	John Reed.....	15	150 00	180 00	160 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	10 00
North Leon.....	cS. E. St. John.....	26	600 00	300 00	2000	.....	11 65	75 40	52 45	52 45	52 45	52 45	5 00
Pinekney	dC. M. Wood.....	60	300 00	50 00	1000	.....	11 78	24 15	37 37	7 63	32 50	32 50	2 25
Salem.....	eA. R. Hamilton	80	500 00	63 00	1500	2000	388 46	184 94	339 41	21 30	20 55	20 55	87 05
Sandstone	fW. S. Barnard	40	600 00	1000 00	11000	1500	3000	10000	28 86	75 00	5 15	10 00	64 23
Summit.....	John B. Waterman	35	600 00	1000 00	11000	1500	28 86	71 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	69 15
Union City	Mrs. Anna Church	175	46 750 00	1000 00	3000	1500	28 86	71 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1081 31
Webster	Irving G. McColl	46	75 00	1000 00	10000	.....	28 86	71 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	93 36
Ypsilant.....	Frank Hinckley	75	75	75	75 .....	.....	28 86	71 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	120 61
		1380	\$11268 68	\$5917 71	\$149700	\$7780 \$40 00	\$1610 11	\$2828 38	\$4661 39	\$259 71	\$26 49	\$102 00	\$29 00 \$19 00
													\$300 42 \$9736 50

*a*Whittaker P. O. *b*Brighton P. O. *c*Jackson P. O. *d*Anderson P. O. *e*Worden P. O. *f*Salem P. O. *g*Delhi Mills P. O.

Formed June 1, 1849

VIII.—KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION.

Meetings: First Tuesday of April and October.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.		BAPT.		NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.			
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Protestant.	Catholic.	Infants.	Adults.	Average Attended.	Whole Number School.	Sunday School.	Per cent. Attributed to benevolences.
Alamo	Dec. 3, 1867	..... Isaac W. McKeever	Sept. 4, 1881	24	68	92	10	18	0	5	5	0	\$15 42	100	110
Allegan	June 10, 1858	..... Marvin C. Wood	1879 June 1, 1885	49	115	164	20	0	2	2	0	9	19 29	25	25
Athens	Feb. 23, 1878	.....	1890	89	139	49	0	0	3	0	0	0	59	5 00	25
Augusta	July 26, 1849	.....	1882	19	56	75	12	0	0	0	0	0	65	45	50
Bangor	Jan. 24, 1883	Albert B. Cochran	1882 Jan. 1, 1883	10	22	32	1	5	6	11	0	0	95	62	5 00
Benton Harbor	June 13, 1866	William H. Brewster	1888 Jan. 1, 1883	34	75	169	9	14	14	28	1	4	217	135	20 00
Bertram .....	.....	.....	1886	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Bridgeman	Nov. 20, 1879	John J. Bunnell	1860 Nov. 20, 1884	10	18	28	0	7	4	11	1	3	0	65	90
Coloma	Jan. 16, 1853	Charles Evans	1873 Sept. 1, 1883	12	17	29	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	70	50
Cooper	Mar. 8, 1843	Thomas G. Baxter	1883 April 4, 1884	31	54	85	6	4	6	10	3	0	0	0	25
Covert	Sept. 27, 1870	John Jeffries	1877 Nov. 8, 1885	27	43	70	0	13	2	15	0	6	9	3	100
Douglas	Dec. 12, 1882	Elizur Andrus	1850 Sept. 1, 1885	17	32	49	0	4	16	20	0	1	0	127	95
Dowagiac	July 9, 1850	Peter W. Perry	1856 Sept. 1, 1882	32	72	104	13	3	6	1	6	0	1	1	80
Galesburg	Aug. 18, 1852	William Mitchell	1857 May 18, 1884	62	128	190	53	9	10	4	7	0	0	200	78
Grand Junction	Sept. 19, 1881	Edwin I. Ayer	1888 April 1, 1885	15	13	28	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	23 00
Hartford	July 24, 1883	Samuel Taylor	1885 June 1, 1886	10	29	39	0	14	0	14	1	0	2	11	50
Hartkins, 1st	Aug. 4, 1857	*Ira B. Jones	1860 Dec. 1, 1885	16	16	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Hopkins, 2d	Mar. 27, 1878	*Ira B. Jones	1860 Dec. 1, 1885	9	14	23	4	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	90
Kalamazoo	June 6, 1835	+William A. Waterman	1868 June 1, 1886	138	280	418	29	12	13	25	3	19	11	33	30
Keeler	July 7, 1850	.....	1885 June 1, 1886	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	Aug. 17, 1837	Samuel Taylor	1885 June 1, 1886	23	29	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Leonidas	May 26, 1855	.....	1879 June 1, 1885	3	14	17	0	15	2	17	0	0	0	0	0
Matiawan	July 2, 1867	Eunezer Herbert	1884 Sept. 1, 1884	11	44	55	6	11	5	16	1	2	4	9	40
Oscego	Jan. 7, 1837	.....	1884 Sept. 1, 1884	17	56	73	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Saugatuck	Jan. 11, 1860	Edwin S. Smith	1886 June 1, 1886	26	51	77	10	6	4	10	2	4	7	4	40
South Haven	July 6, 1856	Moier A. Bullock	1876 April 18, 1885	59	108	167	16	12	7	19	1	4	17	22	70
St. Joseph	April 28, 1854	John V. Hickmott	1880 Feb. 1, 1884	43	124	167	41	32	12	44	2	5	1	8	125
Three Oaks	Mar. 12, 1848	Moses M. Martin	1864 Jan. 4, 1880	35	75	110	15	23	2	0	4	13	1	12	75
Vicksburg	Oct. 25, 1865	David H. Reiter	1863 Oct. 1, 1883	33	50	83	6	13	6	19	0	4	7	90	16 00
Watervliet	Jan. 23, 1885	Charles Evans	1873 Sept. 1, 1883	5	20	25	2	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	75
Total .....	.....	.....	1886 Sept. 1, 1884	806	1711	2517	345	213	118	331	25	86	38	149	15

*Of Grand River Conference. †Of Dubuque Association, Iowa.

VIII.—KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION.

IX.—LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE.

Formed August 12, 1879.

Meeting: June 10th, 1886.

IX.—LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE.

X.—LANSING ASSOCIATION.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	PARISH EXPENSES From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886.		ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PRO- PERTY.		BENEVOLENCES.				Total Benevolences							
		Ministers' Sal- ary.	Amount of Parish Expenses in the parish.	Church Building. Permanence Fund.	Foreign Missions. Personage.	Home Missions. Personage.	A.M. Missionary Association.	New West Educa- tion Commission.	Congregational Sunday School and Publ- lishing Society.								
Carson City.....	L. Hanson.....	\$362.50	\$1500	\$2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Crystal.....	J. B. Dunor.....	25	225.00	1800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$4.00		
Delta.....	O. B. Ingorsoll.....	25	200.00	2000	\$25	10.10	32.00	6.00	5.00	.....						
Edmore.....	A. G. Gates.....	150	630.00	175.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$53.10		
Grand Ledge.....	B. T. Esler.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville.....	A. S. Constant.....	267	1550.00	1377.36	25000	\$1500	6.1266	27.46	25.00	30.99							
Hubbardston.....	J. J. Robbins.....	25	502.00	351.00	2500	800	60	6.25	15.60	3.25							
Lansing Township.....	C. B. Stebbins.....	260	1340.38	1647.00	30000	.....	126.35	377.77	50.00	43.25						
Leroy Township.....	O. E. Tuck.....	32	400.00	75.00	2000	.....	.....	5.00	26.00	.....						
Mecosta.....	C. D. Richards.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.12	.....	.....					
Millbrook.....	C. V. Hinman.....	187	1000.00	80.00	1300	.....	37.37	54.00	6.25	2.18						
Rodney.....	Mrs. Rilla Ford.....	30	200.00	142.00	1000	.....	5.00	.....	108.00	12.00					
Saranac.....	D. G. Huhn.....	.....	.....	50.00	2500	.....	28.00	.....	.....	.....				
Sheridan.....	Mrs. E. J. Barkham.....	70	700.00	75.00	400	1000	.....	7.00	.....	.....					
Stanton.....	Ellen L. Hubbard.....	71	1325.00	374.58	6000	800	100	106.70	55.00	23.75							
Vestaburg.....	A. A. Dale.....	100	550.00	10.00	1000	.....	.....	5.00	7.48	5.00					
Waconata.....	John D. Hamilton.....	90	500.00	80.00	1400	.....	10.00	27.78	4.50	.....						
Williamston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.81
		1232	\$9484.88	\$4436.94	\$79000	\$3500	\$191	\$1565.64	\$901.61	\$1118.75	\$198.02	\$11.00	\$79.40	\$250.00	\$79.00	\$1046.36	\$4249.78

XI.—MUSKEGON ASSOCIATION.

Formed January 13, 1864.

Meetings—Third Tuesday of March and September.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.		BAPT.		NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.						
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Ordained.	Commenced.	Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Infants.	Average Number in Sunday School.	Per cent. Attended.	Sunday School Beneficiaries.	Ing Church.		
Croton	June 3, 1875	*George Lloyd.....	1884 Aug.	9, 1885	5	13	18	1	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0		
Fruitport	July 24, 1875	George Benford.....	1881 May	1, 1884	3	7	10	2	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	
Grand Haven	Dec. 29, 1873	T.J. Herbert Dole.....	1881 May	15, 1885	2	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	
Hart	April 25, 1858	Charles H. Keays.....	1882 Dec.	1, 1883	32	62	94	0	17	10	27	2	2	0	4	5	50	
Muskegon	Mar. 2, 1859	Rufus W. Fletcher.....	1875 May	1, 1883	14	35	49	10	10	12	14	1	2	0	3	6	75	
Newaygo	May 20, 1855	Theodore B. Wilson.....	1879 May	1, 1885	64	172	236	40	13	16	29	1	12	0	13	7	33	
Nunica	Jan. 11, 1874	Austin H. Norris.....	1872 Nov.	1, 1883	11	3	42	6	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	150	
Olive	April 30, 1875	T.J. Herbert Dole.....	1881 May	15, 1885	5	13	18	0	2	5	7	0	0	3	0	2	40	
Pentwater	Jan. 24, 1866	Levi F. Waldo.....	1844 July	1, 1885	12	20	32	8	1	4	2	6	0	2	0	3	40	
Robinson	Feb. 24, 1877	Levi F. Waldo.....	1870 Sept.	1, 1885	6	6	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Shebly	May 16, 1864	Thomas Parker.....	1870 Sept.	1, 1885	34	47	81	11	3	4	7	1	5	2	0	0	40	
White Cloud	Dec. 20, 1877	Henry H. Smith.....	1873 Jan.	16, 1886	6	10	16	2	1	3	1	0	6	0	0	0	30	
Whitehall	May 5, 1868	William T. Beale.....	1882 Oct.	18, 1885	21	30	51	17	2	4	3	8	0	11	0	0	20	
Total						223	462	685	107	60	47	107	10	46	7	63	18	12
																	1170	858
																	\$1 50	\$1 60

Of Grand River Conference. **Tlicentiate. **T**of Kalamazoo Association.

XI.—MUSKEGON ASSOCIATION.

Formed March 11, 1873.

Meetings: Second Thursday of March and Fourth Tuesday of September.

XII.—NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Name.	Organized.	CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.		BAPT.		NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.		Whole Number in Average Attended.		Sunday School Benevolences.		Sunday Schools Attended.		Per cent. Attended.	
		Ordrained.	Minister.	Commenced Labor.	Females.	Males.	Total.	Absent.	Letter.	Profession.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Total.	Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Infants.	Adults.
Baldwin	Oct. 26, 1879	Sidney B. Demarest.....	1869 Sept. 30, 1883	6	14	20	4	3	2	5	1	4	0	5	3	2	Sidney B. Demarest	80	59	\$1	10	30	
Big Rapids	Dec. 3, 1876	Levi P. Spelman	1860 Aug. 1, 1885	18	51	69	6	1	4	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	Levi P. Spelman	115	73	\$1	10	30	
Cadillac	Nov. 11, 1883	*Edwin H. Burt.....	1866 June 1, 1886	13	44	57	8	20	2	22	0	4	0	4	7	2	H. H. Goodman.....	150	120	.....	.....	25
Chase	Sept. 27, 1874	John Nicol.....	1882 July 25, 1884	9	22	31	4	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	Mrs. Samuel Smith.....	85	70	.....	.....	50
Chippewa Lake	Mar. 1, 1886	Warren P. Wilcox.....	1878 April 1, 1886	5	5	10	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	W. H. Medlar.....	50	40	.....	.....	50
Clare	Dec. 22, 1872	George M. Franklin.....	1878 May 1, 1886	13	34	47	3	21	1	22	2	0	1	3	6	0	Alvin Aldrich.....	130	95	.....	.....	75
Custer	Oct. 23, 1879	John G. Kaye.....	1867 July 21, 1883	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Chas. H. Fountain.....	70	30	.....	.....	30
East Lake	Mar. 12, 1882	Henry C. Huribut.....	1861 Mar. 1, 1886	6	11	17	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	George L. Hitchcock	80	50	.....	.....	25
Farwell	Dec. 22, 1872	George M. Franklin.....	1879 May 1, 1886	11	18	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	William E. Silence.....	75	51	.....	.....	33
Florietown	Nov. 5, 1883	William E. Silence.....	1879 June 2, 1883	9	11	20	0	0	8	1	2	0	0	0	3	3	J. W. Mathews.....	95	58	70	70	25	
Hersey	July 25, 1870	T. Arthur Porter.....	1879 April 11, 1886	6	15	21	5	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	John S. Woodruff.....	90	60	.....	.....	40
Ludington	July 9, 1870	Russell M. Keyes.....	1865 Oct. 1, 1881	40	92	132	36	9	1	10	3	14	0	17	2	9	E. B. Fairfield.....	250	140	17	00	40	
Manistee	July 20, 1862	Edmund B. Fairfield.....	1845 Sept. 1, 1882	118	183	301	30	27	14	41	1	6	0	7	10	14	E. M. Lonsbury.....	350	285	211	00	50	
Reed City	Dec. 29, 1872	John B. Kaye.....	1867 July 21, 1883	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	W. Ford.....	150	90	.....	.....	35
Tallman	May 12, 1881	John B. Kaye.....	1867 July 21, 1883	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	.....	.....	20	
Total.....	15				288	575	863	116	113	41	154	9	43	6	58	41	34		1710	1251	\$229	80

aManistee.

*Unassociated.

†Of Cheboygan Conference.

¶Of Wisconsin Convention.

||Of Grand River Conference.

XII.—NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

XIII.—OLIVET CONFERENCE.

Formed August 14, 1847.

Meetings—On the last Wednesday of April and October.

Scribe, REV. H. R. WILLIAMS, Vermontville.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.		BAPT.		NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Ordained.	Commenced Labor.									
Bedford.	June 25, 1848	*Clark C. Wood.....	1884 May	1, 1886	22	47	69	7	8	0	11	0	C. N. Fellows.....
Bronson	May 7, 1868	John R. Bonney.....	1863 May	7, 1868	18	57	75	25	2	1	1	2	John V. Allen.....
Carmel.	July 30, 1883	+Joseph B. Estabrook.....	Aug., 1885	19	38	3	2	4	0	2	0	2	C. E. Chappell
Ceresco.	May 5, 1869	Edward H. Harbridge.....	Nov., 1884	9	24	33	1	4	3	7	0	0	1 Charles H. Raven.....
Charlotte.	Jan. 26, 1851			92	182	274	21	3	6	9	5	5	1 P. T. VanZile.....
Chester.	April 29, 1879	Abram VanAuken.....	1879 May	1, 1886	21	51	52	7	0	0	0	4	0 J. W. Clements.....
Chester Station.	Dec. 8, 1884	Abram VanAuken.....	1879 May	1, 1886	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0 A. G. Fleury
E. Johnston.	Mar. 6, 1865	*Clark C. Wood.....	1884 May	1, 1886	13	28	41	25	0	0	0	0	0 Mrs. H. L. Frye.....
E. Newton.	Oct. 27, 1882	Edward H. Harbridge.....	Nov., 1884	6	24	30	3	0	0	0	0	0	0 Egbert L. Briggs.....
Eaton Rapids.	June 15, 1843	Charles A. Wright.....	1885 Feb.	14, 1886	18	70	88	18	2	8	10	12	0 Geo. W. Thwing.....
Fredonia.	April 26, 1853	*Clark C. Wood.....	1884 May	1, 1886	31	62	8	19	1	3	0	4	0 Byron B. Willson.....
Johnstown & Barry.	Nov. 30, 1865	*Clark C. Wood.....	1884 May	1, 1886	8	21	29	12	0	0	0	0	0 Dr. F. F. Snell.....
Kalamazoo.	May 10, 1867				8	20	28	0	1	1	1	2	0 E. N. Reed.....
Leroy.	Mar. 14, 1837				26	33	59	7	1	8	2	1	4
Marshall.	June 20, 1869				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Dr. Barber.....
Nashville.	April 9, 1883	O. S. Grinnell.....	1879 Mar.	22, 1885	9	25	34	2	7	8	15	0	1
Olivet.	Mar. 20, 1845	Horatio Q. Butterfield.....	1854 Sept.	20, '76					7	7	14	3	2 Frank N. Green.....
Onondaga.	Oct. 6, 1877	Henry M. Goodwin.....	1851 Oct.	1, '75									300 258 173 61 70
Potterville.	June 21, 1872	Joseph L. Daniels.....	1876 Oct.	1, '80									Allen S. Adams.....
Vermontville.	Feb. 28, 1838	Joseph Estabrook.....	1852 Oct.	1, '80									60 40
Walton.	April 26, 1877	Horace R. Williams.....	1879 May	1, 1886	7	10	17	0	0	0	0	0	Mrs. J. W. Potter.....
		Charles Spooner.....	1864 May	26, 1880	59	120	179	46	17	3	20	1	0 Emma Bodine.....
			1837 April	26, 1877	7	14	21	5	0	0	0	1	0 John Thorne.....
Total.....	21				546	998	1544	288	79	41	120	17	59 5
													1691 1160 \$226 97

*Of Southern Michigan Conference.

Licentiate. Relation Unknown. Cf Chebovyan Conference.

XIII.—OLIVET CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	PARISH EXPENSES, From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886.	ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.	BENEVOLENCES.						TOTAL BENEVOLENCES
				FOREIGN MISSIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.	AM. MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.	CHURCH BROTHERHOOD.	NEW WEST EDUCATIONAL CATHERINE SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.	
Bedford.....	D. W. Sumner.....	\$400 00	\$250 00	\$800	\$500	\$1 75	\$10 00	\$16 22	\$5 00	\$2 42
Bronson.....	Florette M. Bonney.....	40 200	40 00	500	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carmel.....	a. W. H. Griffin.....	150 00	.....	2000	.....	11 00	13 94	2 00	.....	\$25 39 10 00
Ceresco.....	Mrs. L. L. Lewis.....	45 320	60 00	2000	40000	125 00	248 54	125 00	20 00	5 00
Chester.....	M. H. Hudson.....	200 1200	550 00	18000	1500	2 20	.....	.....	.....	26 94
Chester Station.....	J. C. Nichols.....	45 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	853 54
East Johnston.....	Mrs. Louisa Summers.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	50	67 56	16 00	.....	.....
East Newton.....	b. Mrs. Lucinda Miller.....	25 200	6000	6000	.....	50	10 00	5 00	.....	2 20
Eaton Rapids.....	Sarah H. Kellogg.....	90 700	118 84	1500	800	.....	30 00	.....	.....	143 22
Frederonia.....	d. H. J. Day.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	67 56	16 00	.....	30 00
Kalamazoo.....	e. Mrs. W. Ackley.....	35 100	.....	2000	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Leroy.....	f. E. N. Reed.....	40 450	25 00	2500	1000	13 50	5 93	.....	6 00	25 43
Marshall.....	Dr. Barber.....	725 00	125 00	.....	.....	25 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Nashville.....	George W. Keyes.....	75 1000	474 23	150	192 30	25 00	5 00	.....	.....	30 00
Olivet.....	Allen S. Adams.....	.....	.....	1200	700	320 64	79 96	52 08	12 50	136 15
Onondaga.....	J. E. McDole.....	.....	.....	1500	3500	14 50	64 35	51 00	.....	14 50
Potterville.....	Asa Benedict.....	80 900	378 72	1500	.....	78 54	.....	.....	.....	193 89
Vermontville.....	g. Rilla Stone.....	20 35	00	1500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walton.....		692	\$6445 00	\$2101 79	\$68300	\$3000	\$200	\$480 45	\$299 11	\$79 08
										\$436 15
										\$2166 74

*a*Carlisle P. O.

*b*Lacey P. O.

*c*Ceresco P. O.

*d*Marshall P. O.

*e*Banfield P. O.

*f*Pine Creek P. O.

*g*Olivet.

XIV.—SAGINAW CONFERENCE.

Formed May 12th, 1886.

Meetings: First Tuesday of May and Fourth Tuesday of September.

Scribe: REV. WILLIAM C. CALLAND, St. Louis.

*Of Genesee Conference.

XIV.—SAGINAW CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	BENEVOLENCES.				Total Benevolences
		Parish Expenses From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886,	ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PRO- PERTY.	Permanen- t Fund.	Foreign Mis- sions.	
Alma.....	C. N. Scott	\$700.00	\$645.00	\$3200	\$6.50	\$20.00
Alpena.....	Isaac Brechner.....	225 1800 00	1242 00	3000	30.00	\$1.00
Bay City.....	Joseph Leighton.....	110 2000 00	3000 00	12000	84.00	250.00
Breckenridge.....	Mrs. H. M. Drake.....	85 400 00	79 55	4000	8.19	8.19
Bridgeport.....	Walter A. Griffin.....	20 600 00	1500	50000	22.06	23.50
East Saginaw.....	George Grant.....	217 2500 00	15000	460 56	45.29	1.50
East Tawas.....	Hugh McDonald	47 400 00	80 00	2000	13.00	18.22
Essexville.....	A. C. Hall.....	21 250 00	100 00	500	5.00	74.63
Munger.....	Wm. Dawson.....	25 550 00	19 76	1400	10.00	14.00
Oakley.....	Mrs. A. T. Wickham.....	20 710 00	250 00	400	11.15	13.15
Roscommon.....	Daniel Bennett	50 575 00	85 00	60000	8.00	20.00
St. Louis.....	William C. Calland.....	225 680 00	60 00	1000	21.10	85.60
Scandinavia.....	E. C. Thompson.....	60 680 00	60 00	2500	10.00	56.10
Tawas City.....	Theodore Hooke.....	60 6597.31	60 00	1800	32.25	46.00
West Branch.....	Wm. L. Bond	1159 \$11165.00	60 00	3400	3.75	31.00
						37.00
						\$1.00
						\$440.63
						\$2586.12

XV.—SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Formed June 27, 1848.

Meetings: Third Monday of April and October.

Scribe, REV. J. A. BARNES, Mason.

Name.	Organized.	CHURCHES.			MINISTERS.			NO. IN CHURCHES.			ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.			BAPT.			NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.		
		Minister.	Commenced.	Ordained.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Present.	Absent.	Total.	Depts.	Dismissed.	Transferred.	Depts.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole Number Attended.	Sunday School.	Benevolences.	Per cent. Attended.	Big Church.	
Addison.....	June 10, 1884	Kendrick H. Crane.....	1874	April 1, 1885	2	11	13	5	1	6	0	4	0	4	2	0	0	C. A. Smith.....	50	40	80	
Calandiqua.....	Mar. 29, 1859	Edwin T. Branch.....	1849	Jan. 1, 1884	9	18	27	4	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	C. H. Baldwin.....	50	35	75	
Clinton.....	Jan. 19, 1833	.....	.....	Jan. 1, 1884	28	99	127	17	1	5	6	2	4	0	6	0	0	W. S. Kimball.....	160	121	220 00
Dundee.....	Nov. 29, 1837	Henry Coate.....	1874	Jan. 1, 1884	7	31	38	11	5	16	0	4	4	8	0	0	0	James Saunders.....	110	9	60	
^a Franklin.....	April 4, 1848	*H. A. Putnam	1848	April 11, 1886	16	26	42	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	M. D. Alexander.....	80	50	75	
Gile d.....	Dec. 30, 1849	John R. Bonney	1863	June 1, 1886	4	8	12	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	A. A. Luce.....	110	65	100	
Hudson.....	Feb. 24, 1836	William Woodmansee.....	1871	June 1, 1886	68	117	185	28	5	7	12	0	0	5	0	0	0	W. F. Scheneshome.....	120	85	90	
Jerome.....	June 26, 1867	Jesse P. Borton.....	1881	June 1, 1886	6	11	17	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	Samuel Vaughn.....	40	35	90	
Litchfield.....	July 14, 1839	*Henry S. Roblee.....	1851	Oct. 18, 1885	41	90	131	4	9	3	12	1	9	0	10	9	0	H. B. Eggerton.....	174	92	90	
Maybee.....	Mar. 19, 1880	Richard Wrench.....	1851	(Oct. 25, 1885	4	18	22	2	4	5	9	0	1	1	2	0	0	E. R. Palmer.....	50	35	40	
Morenoci.....	Mar. 17, 1858	.....	.....	.....	21	47	68	10	0	3	3	5	0	5	0	0	F. T. Yesbera.....	150	85	100	
North Adams.....	Mar. 16, 1847	Jesse P. Borton.....	1881	June 1, 1886	29	67	96	7	8	0	8	0	2	0	2	7	0	Levi H. Prichard.....	80	64	100	
Prairieville.....	Feb. 26, 1875	+Robert Gordon.....	1881	June 1, 1886	16	32	12	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	C. B. Smith.....	100	50	20		
Raisinville.....	June 13, 1849	Richard Wrench.....	1851	Oct. 25, 1885	4	6	10	1	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	J. W. Morris.....	24	20	100		
Ranson.....	May 19, 1848	+Robert Gordon.....	1851	June 1, 1886	23	26	49	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	Geo. W. Hile.....	126	90	95		
Somerset.....	Nov. 30, 1858	.....	.....	.....	29	43	72	5	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	L. J. Smith.....	60	50	75	
West Adrian.....	Dec. 28, 1867	Charles E. Wilbur.....	1866	Sept. 21, 1883	15	33	48	2	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	W. H. Knight.....	125	65	24 14		
^b Wheatland.....	Mar. 9, 1843	Ferdinand E. Carter.....	1886	Dec. 1, 1882	85	108	193	54	14	7	21	0	1	1	2	11	0	J. F. Douglass.....	227	110	36 29 100	
Total.....	18				407	775	1182	158	68	41	109	15	50	7	72	49	0		1836	1164	\$115 28	

^aTipton P. O.

^bChurch's Corners P. O.

*Of Michigan Yearly Meeting.

†Relation Unknown.

||Of Olivet Conference.

XV.—SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	PARISH EXPENSES From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886.		ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PRO- PERTY.	BENEVOLENCES.						Total Benevolences	
		Number of Families in the parish.	Amount of Rent of Par- ish, including Minister's Sal- ary, &c.		Parsonage.	Church Edifice.	Permanence Funds.	Home Missions.	Adm. Missionary Association.	New West Educa- tion Commission.	Congregational School and Publ- ishing Society.	
Addison	Mrs. A. Smith	50	\$650 00	\$160 00	\$1800	\$1200	\$3 00	\$11 00	\$6 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$17 00
Canandaigua	C. H. Baldwin	45	350 00	100 00	3000	1000	13 00	71 00	10 00	6 00	\$4 00	27 35
Clinton	A. P. Halladay	86	900 00	100 00	2000	1000	28 50	55 00	55 00	55 00	\$12 00	128 90
Dundee	Helen S. Hall	50	600 00	70 00	3000	1000	13 00	13 00	13 00	13 00	13 00	28 50
Franklin	a William Critenden	28	600 00	100 00	1200	500	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	13 00
Gilead	b Mrs. H. C. Hart	31	100 00	300 00	17000	1000	69 00	90 55	18 00	8 00	5 00	5 00
Hudson	Geo. W. Whitbeck	85	1000 00	300 00	15000	1000	150 00	150 00	150 00	150 00	150 00	249 55
Jerome	Lloyd Westover	150 00	135 00	10000	10000	\$100	33 98	68 65	34 70	34 70	34 70	140 45
Litchfield	Miss C. A. Turrell	80	700 00	150 00	1500	50	13 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	38 27
Maybee	Mrs. David Kellie	45	300 00	64 00	4000	500	5 50	15 38	6 00	5 00	5 00	31 88
Morenci	O. E. Green	55	550 00	31 00	20000	1000	21 60	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	43 60
N. Adams	Mrs. H. P. Playforce	82	60 00	40 00	15000	500	9 65	12 10	12 10	12 10	12 10	3 00
Prattville	Charles Burroughs	75	60 00	300 00	700	300	12 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	21 75
Raisinville	Mrs. M. E. Knaggs	10	450 00	75 00	1200	800	5 00	41 35	41 35	41 35	41 35	17 00
Ransom	Geo. W. Hile	51	450 00	450 00	2000	800	5 00	62 00	62 00	62 00	62 00	41 35
Somerset	G. A. Smith	60	200 00	120 00	8000	600	93 00	174 11	71 80	71 80	71 80	67 00
West Adrian	J. L. Burr	20	500 00	194 59	8000	600	17 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	361 41
Wheatland	e Charles M. Fuller	70	922	\$7960 00	\$1489 59	\$61100	\$5900	\$150	\$256 73	\$665 99	\$151 50	\$27 00
									\$4 00	\$4 00	\$18 90	\$24 50
												\$1234 11

*a*Tipton P. O.

*b*Bronson P. O.

*c*Maybee P. O.

*d*Adrian P. O.

*e*Hudson P. O.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1886.

CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	No. IN CHURCHES.	ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.	BAPT.	Average Attendance.	Sunday School Benevo- lences.	
				Females.	Males.	Profession.	Total.	Deaths.	Disciplined.	Total.
				Licentiates.	Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Total.
No. of Churches in the Conference.	Supplied by other Conferences.	Vacant.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.
19	0	0	12	2	14	3	223	334	557	51
10	9	0	5	0	5	1	53	63	116	8
35	25	0	10	26	13	39	0	977	2246	3223
21	20	1	19	6	25	0	478	939	1417	186
26	22	1	13	4	9	22	0	602	1206	1808
16	14	0	9	3	12	0	267	371	638	87
18	17	2	1	9	5	14	0	651	1351	2002
30	25	0	5	8	26	0	806	1711	2517	345
3	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	208	341	549
20	17	0	3	9	2	11	1	454	911	1365
14	12	0	2	12	3	15	0	223	462	685
15	14	0	1	9	2	11	0	288	575	863
21	16	0	5	9	11	20	1	546	998	1544
15	14	0	1	10	1	11	0	466	873	1339
18	14	2	4	10	2	12	0	407	775	1182
Total.....	281	241	6	40	173	67	240	6	6649	13156
									19805	2582
									1683	863
									2546	2546
									210	210
									806	806
									293	293
									1309	1309
									887	887
									340	340
									27364	27364
									18209	18209
									\$3561	\$3561
									30	30

CHANGES.

CHURCHES.—NEW.—Athens, Berlenton, Bethel, Chippewa Lake, Detroit, Eastport, Gilead, Hayes, Hay Lake, Horton's Bay, Leonidas, Pierport, Rockwood, Watervliet—15.

DISBANDED.—Ganges, Joyfield, North Johnstown—3.

MINISTERS.—ORDAINED.—Orange C. Bailey, Chas. D. Bannister, Ferdinand E. Carter, Frederick M. Coddington, D. M. Fisk, John G. Hodges, George W. Jackman, Edwin S. Smith, Charles E. Taggart, Oakley B. Thurston, Charles F. Tuttle—11.

DEATHS.—Robert G. Baird, Daniel Berney, Samuel Fleming, Frederick Flenen, Wm. A. Fowler, John Jones, Thomas Jones, Wm. H. Osborn, Porter B. Parry—9.

UNASSOCIATED.—Charles D. Bannister, Othias Barfell, Edwin H. Burt, D. M. Fisk, John G. Hodges, George W. Jackman, Edwin S. Smith—7.

SUMMARY OF BENEVOLENCES, PARISH EXPENSES, CHURCH PROPERTY, ETC.,
For the Year Ending March 31, 1886.

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ANNUAL SUMMARES.

YEARS.	Chuimches.		Midisters.		Male.		Female.		Total.		Gain.		Loss.		Absentees.		Infant Bab-tisims.		No. in Sun-day School.		Value of Church fees.		Value of Parsonages.		Permanent Fund.		Beneficences.		Families.		
	Chuimches.	Midisters.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	
1845.....	53	31	941	1173	2114	978	218	232	71	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	1864	
1846.....	53	43	.....	.....	232	325	1192	325	94	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229	2229
1847.....	81	65	.....	.....	325	325	1192	325	94	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798	3798
1848.....	87	72	.....	.....	3832	307	.....	3832	72	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264	3264
1849.....	83	70	.....	.....	4274	442	.....	4274	70	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1850.....	101	87	.....	.....	4934	660	.....	4934	87	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1851.....	106	72	.....	.....	4987	53	.....	4987	72	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1852.....	110	92	.....	.....	5462	475	.....	5462	92	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1853.....	109	88	.....	.....	5396	792	.....	5396	88	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1854.....	115	89	.....	.....	6188	792	.....	6188	89	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1855.....	118	105	.....	.....	6768	580	.....	6768	105	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1856.....	130	101	2756	4499	7255	587	.....	7255	101	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1857.....	129	110	2864	4861	7842	405	.....	7842	110	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1858.....	134	124	2993	5197	8190	348	.....	8190	124	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1859.....	135	100	4633	7437	182	673	.....	7437	100	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1860.....	135	100	4633	7437	182	673	.....	7437	100	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1861.....	134	124	2993	5197	8190	348	.....	8190	124	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1862.....	134	124	2993	5197	8190	348	.....	8190	124	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1863.....	146	114	3030	5397	8427	237	8427	114	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1864.....	141	131	2978	5394	8372	55	8372	131	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1865.....	150	132	3206	5718	8924	562	8924	132	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1866.....	155	138	3429	6152	9581	657	9581	138	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1867.....	164	140	3674	6449	10123	542	10123	140	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1868.....	175	145	3915	6969	10884	761	10884	145	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1869.....	176	151	4129	7414	11541	657	11541	151	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1870.....	173	156	4258	7726	11984	443	11984	156	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1871.....	179	156	4417	7929	12346	362	12346	179	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1872.....	191	173	4185	8140	12625	279	12625	191	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1873.....	195	176	4755	8506	13261	536	13261	195	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1874.....	199	174	4718	8491	13209	52	13209	199	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1875.....	196	175	4940	8995	13935	726	13935	196	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1876.....	211	185	5606	10101	15706	1761	15706	211	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1877.....	224	188	5908	11003	16911	1205	16911	224	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1878.....	233	196	5993	11149	17142	231	17142	233	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1879.....	236	204	6045	11019	17064	78	17064	236	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1880.....	248	206	5936	11181	17117	53	17117	248	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461	4461
1881.....	255	219	4940	11172	16957	160	.....	160																						

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

PLACE.	CONFERENCE.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Whole No. in School.	Average Attendance.	Benevolences.	Per Cent. Attending Church
Babcock District.....	Olivet.....	A. S. McClatchie	60	40	.....	.....
Clute's Corners	Olivet.....	H. Baugham	90	60	.....	.....
Dark Corners.....	Olivet.....	F. R. Bunker	50	35	.....	.....
Detroit, Fremont Street	Eastern	Rev. N. S. Wright.....	254	199	.....	.....
Detroit, Mount Hope....	Eastern .....	.....	190	122	.....	.....
Grand Rapids.....	Grand River	J. M. Van Huizen.....	75	50	.....	80
Grand Raplds.....	Grand River	F. M. Priestly.....	268	181	.....	.....
North Emmett.....	Olivet.....	Chas. H. Raven	45	23	\$7 50	10
Total.....			1032	710	\$7 50	.....

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to The General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan, incorporated A. D. 1886, the sum of \$_____ [or, whatever personal or real property the party may desire to give] to be paid over [or transferred, as the case may be,] to the person who, when the said money is payable [or, the said property is transferable,] shall act as treasurer of the said incorporated Association, and to be applied [or, held in trust, and the proceeds to be applied, as the case may be,] under the direction of the Board of Trustees of The General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan, to the purposes and uses of the Department of Home Missions [or, if the party desire, to the Department of Ministerial Relief; or, of Sunday Schools; or, of Church and Parsonage Building; or, to any work of the said Association].

The corporate name, as given above, should be used also in deeds, conveyances, etc., and all legal and official documents.

LIST OF CHURCHES.

(The Figures refer to the Local Bodies.)

Ada, First.....	5	Columbns.....	3
Ada, Second.....	5	Cooper.....	8
Addison.....	15	Coral.....	10
Alamo.....	8	Covert.....	8
Alba.....	1	Croton.....	11
Allegan.....	8	Crystal.....	10
Allendale.....	5	Custer.....	12
Alma.....	14	Delta.....	10
Almira.....	6	Detroit, First.....	3
Almont.....	3	Detroit, Second.....	3
Alpena.....	14	Detroit, Trumbull Avenue.....	3
Alpine and Walker.....	5	Detroit, Fort Wayne.....	3
Ann Arbor.....	7	Detroit, Harper Ave.....	3
Armada.....	3	Dexter.....	7
Ashley.....	4	Dorr.....	5
Athens.....	8	Dorr Village.....	5
Augusta.....	8	Douglas.....	8
Augusta (Whittaker P. O.).....	7	Dowagiac.....	8
Baldwin.....	12	Dundee.....	15
Bancroft.....	4	East Fulton.....	4
Bangor.....	8	East Johnstown.....	13
Banks (Atwood P. O.).....	1	East Lake.....	12
Bay City.....	14	Eastmanville.....	5
Bay Mills.....	2	East Newton (Ceresco P. O.).....	13
Bedford.....	13	Eastport.....	1
Bellaire.....	1	East Saginaw.....	14
Benton Harbor.....	8	East Tawas.....	14
Benzonia.....	6	Eaton Rapids.....	13
Berlamont.....	8	Edmore.....	10
Berryville.....	1	Empire.....	6
Bethel.....	2	Essexville.....	14
Big Rapids.....	12	Excelsior.....	1
Bradley.....	5	Farwell.....	12
Breckenridge.....	14	Filotown (Manistee P. O.).....	12
Bridgeman.....	8	Flat Rock.....	3
Bridgeport.....	14	Flint.....	4
Bronson.....	13	Frankfort.....	12
Bruce (Ray Center P. O.).....	8	Franklin (Tipton P. O.).....	15
Cadillac.....	12	Fredonia (Marshall P. O.).....	13
Calumet.....	9	Freeport.....	5
Canandaigua.....	15	Fremont Center.....	11
Cannon.....	5	Fruitport.....	11
Cannonsburg.....	5	Galesburg.....	8
Carmel.....	13	Gaylord.....	1
Carson City.....	10	Genesee.....	4
Cedar Springs.....	5	Gilead.....	15
Central Lake.....	1	Gilmore.....	6
Ceresco.....	13	Glen Arbor.....	6
Charlevoix.....	1	Goodrich.....	4
Charlotte.....	13	Grand Blanc.....	4
Chase.....	12	Grand Haven.....	11
Cheboygan.....	1	Grand Junction.....	8
Chelsea.....	7	Grand Ledge.....	10
Chesaning.....	4	Grand Rapids, First.....	5
Chester.....	13	Grand Rapids, Second.....	5
Chester Station.....	13	Grand Rapids, South.....	5
Chesterfield.....	3	Grandville.....	5
Chippewa Lake.....	12	Grass Lake.....	7
Clare.....	12	Greenville.....	10
Cleon and Marilla.....	6	Hamburg.....	7
Clinton.....	15	Hancock.....	9
Coloma.....	8	Hart.....	11

Hartford	8	Perry.....	4
Hartland Center.....	4	Pierport	6
Hayes	1	Pinekney	7
Hay Lake.....	2	Pine Grove	2
Hersey	12	Pleasanton	6
Highland Station	4	Pontiac	3
Homestead	6	Port Huron.....	3
Hopkins, First.....	8	Portland.....	10
Hopkins, Second.....	8	Port Sanilac	3
Hortons Bay.....	1	Potterville.....	13
Hubbardston	10	Prattville	15
Hudson.....	15	Raisinville.....	15
Hudsonville	5	Ransom	15
Imlay City.....	3	Ray Centre.....	3
Irving	5	Reed City.....	12
Ithaca	4	Richmond	3
Jackson.....	7	Robinson	11
Jerome	15	Rochester.....	3
Johnstown and Barry.....	13	Rockford	5
Kalamazoo.....	8	Rockwood	3
Kalamo	13	Rodney	10
Kalkaska	1	Romeo.....	3
Keeler	8	Rondo	1
Laingsburg.....	4	Roscommon	14
Lake Linden.....	9	Rosedale	2
Lamont.....	5	Royal Oak	3
Lansing	10	Salem.....	7
Lawrence.....	8	Sand Lake	5
Leland.....	6	Sandstone	7
Leonidas	8	Saranac.....	10
Leroy	13	Saugatuck	8
Leroy Township.....	10	Sebewa	5
Leslie.....	7	Shelby	11
Lexington	3	Sheridan	10
Litchfield.....	15	Sherman	6
Lowell	5	Solon	6
Ludington	12	Somerset.....	15
Mancelona	1	South Haven.....	8
Manistee.....	12	Standish	14
Maple Rapids.....	4	Stanton.....	10
Marshall.....	13	St. Clair	3
Mattawan	8	St. Ignace.....	2
Maybee	15	St. Johns	4
Mecosta.....	10	St. Joseph	8
Memphis	3	St. Louis.....	14
Metamora	3	Sugar Island	2
Michigan Centre.....	7	Summit	7
Middleville.....	5	Superior (Sault Ste. Marie P. O.)	2
Millbrook	10	Tallman	12
Minden	3	Tawas City	14
Morenci	15	Three Oaks	8
Mount Zion (Sault Ste. Marie)	2	Traverse City	6
Munger.....	14	Tyrone	4
Muskegon	11	Union City	7
Nankin and Livonia	3	Utica	3
Napoleon	7	Vanderbilt	1
Nashville	13	Vermontville	13
New Baltimore	3	Vernon	4
Newberry	2	Vestaburg	10
New Haven	3	Vicksburg	8
Newaygo	11	Victor	4
North Adams	15	Vienna (Clio P. O.)	4
North Leoni	7	Wacousta	10
Northport	1	Walton	13
Nunica	11	Watervliet	8
Oakley	14	Wayland	5
Oakwood	3	Wayne	3
Old Mission	6	Webster (Delhi Mills P. O.)	7
Olive	11	West Adrian	15
Olivet	13	West Branch	14
Onekama	6	Westwood	1
Onondaga	13	Wheatland (Church's Corners)	15
Orion	3	Whitecloud	11
Otsego	8	Whitehall	11
Ovid	4	White Rock	3
Owosso	4	Williamston	10
Oxford	3	Wolverine	1
Paris	5	Ypsilanti	7
Pentwater	11		

NAMES OF MINISTERS

CONNECTED WITH THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, WITH POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, CORRECTED UP TO DATE OF GOING TO PRESS.

(The Figures refer to the Local Bodies.)

N. B.—If your name is not correctly given in the following list; if the first name is not given *in full*; if your ordination date is not in its proper place; if your *post-office* is wrong, or if, before you receive the next *Year Book*, your post-office is changed, send immediate notice of the needed change or correction to REV. HENRY A. HAZEN, Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

If your name is not found here, but should be given, write to REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, Detroit, Mich.

Abbott Theophilus C, Lansing	4	Curry Erastus S, Newberry	2
Acterian Hagap H, Athens, Maine	4	Curtis E. Danforth, Grand Rapids	8
Allen Abram B, Detroit.....	3	Curtiss Leander, East Gilead.....	11, 15
Allen Simeon O, Blandford, Mass.....	3		
Allen William C, Leslie	7	Dalgleish George C, Roscommon	14
Allworth John, Oxford	3	Daniels Joseph L, Olivet.....	13
Anderson William, Laingsburg	4	Davis William H, Detroit	3
Andrus Elizur, Douglas	8	Dawson John B, Essexville	14
Angell Marcus S, Grand Rapids.....	5	Delvin Charles S, Pierport.....	6
Armstrong James, Hopkins.....	15	Demarest Sidney B, Baldwin	12
Attack William D, Orion.....	3	D'Ooge Martin L, Ann Arbor	7
Ayer Edwin I, Grand Junction.....	8, 11	Downer Sawyer B, Prattville.....	15
Bailey Orange C, Dexter	7		
Baldwin John A, Detroit.....	3	Eaton Danforth L, Lowell	5
Barker Horatio A, Oakley.....	4	Eddy Clarence, Waterford, N. Y	3
Barker Peleg, Royal Oak.....	3	Eddy Zachary, Atlanta, Ga	3
Barnes Joseph A, Mason.....	15	Empson George C, Wayne.....	3
Barrows Walter M, New York, N. Y.....	13	Estabrook Joseph, Olivet.....	13
Baxter Benjamin J, Mancelona	1	Evans Charles, Watervleit	8
Baxter Thomas G, Cooper.....	8	Evarts Nathaniel K, Dorr.....	5
Beale Charles H, Lansing.....	1, 10	Fairfield Edmund B, Manistee	12
Beale William T, Whitehall.....	11	Fairfield Miner W, Ypsilanti.....	7, 11
Benford George, Fremont.....	11	Finster Clarence, Allendale.....	5
Berry Edward A, Romeo.....	3	Fletcher Rufus W, Hart	11
Bettes Darius, Grand Rapids.....	5	Flook Jacob, Atlanta, Ga.....	3
Bonney John R, Bronson	13	Francis David W	5
Borton Jessie P, North Adams.....	15	Frost Lewis P, Janesville, Wis.....	4
Bradford Park A C,	8	Glasson Joseph, Gaylord	1
Bradley William, Almont.....	3, 8	Glidden N. Dimic, Ithaca	4
Branch Edwin T, Canandaigua	15	Goodrich Darius N, Northville	7
Breed Dwight P, Portland	10	Goodwin Henry M, Olivet	13
Breed Samuel D, Ann Arbor	3	Grannis Geo H, Ashland, Wis.....	7
Brewster William H, Benton Harbor.....	8	Graves Joseph S, Niles.....	8
Bryant Stephen O, Olivet.....	13	Gray, Matthew S, East Paris	5, 12
Bugbey, Will S, Cheboygan	1	Green Nelson, Detroit	3
Bullock Motier A, South Haven.....	8	Grinnell O S, Nashville.....	13
Bunnell John J, Bridgman	8		
Burgess Richard M, Alba	1	Hale Lewis E, Bear Lake.....	6
Burton Horatio N, Union City.....	7	Harvey Edward H, Augusta	8
Bush Frederick W, Perry.....	4, 13	Herbert Ebenezer, Mattawan	8
Butterfield Horatio Q, Olivet..	13	Herrington Erastus C, Sand Lake	5
Cady Cornelius S, Ann Arbor.....	7	Hibbard Augustine G, Stanton	10
Calland William C, St. Louis.....	14	Hickmott John V, St. Joseph	8
Candee George, Grand Rapids.....	5	Higgins, Robert M, Calumet	9
Carrick Charles W, Frankfort.....	6	Holliday Henry M, Olivet	5
Carter Ferdinand E, Church's Corners	15	Hollinshead William, Rochester	3
Clafin Arthur H, Sheridan	10	Holmes, Thomas, Chelsea	7
Coate Henry, Dundee.....	15	Holt Joseph W, Rosedale	2
Cochran Albert B, Bangor	8	Hooke Theodore, East Tawas.....	14
Coddington Frederick M, Pinckney..	7	Hosford Oramel, Olivet	13
Cossar Andrew O, St. Johns.....	4	Hough Jesse W, Paris, France	7
Craig James A, Germany.....	11	Hovenden Robert, East Tawas	3
Crane Kendrick H, Addison	15	Hunt Ward I, Columbus.....	3
Cross Andrew M, Shepardsville	4	Hurd Fayette, Grand Blanc	4

Hurd Philo R, Detroit	3	Sailor John, Grand Rapids.....	5
Hurlbut Henry C, East Lake.....	5, 12	Sanderson John P, Detroit.....	3
Husted John T, Lowell.....	5	Sargent Ben F, Grand Rapids.....	5
Jefferies John, Covert.....	8, 11	Savage John W, Lake Linden.....	9
Jones Ira B, Hopkins.....	5, 8	Schermerhorn Peter, New Haven.....	3
Jones Morgan P, Vernon.....	3, 4	Scott Enos B, Onekema	6
Jones William, Delhi Mills.....	7	Scurr William, Minden City.....	3
Kaley John A, Chelsea.....	7	Seaver Wm R, Pontiac.....	3
Kaye John B, Custer.....	12	Selden Calvin, Bridgeport.....	14
Keays Charles H, Grand Haven.....	11	Sessions Samuel, St. Johns.....	4
Kedzie Adam S, Grand Haven	11	Shattuck Calvin S, Memphis	3
Keightley Joseph, Mecosta.....	10	Shaw Edwin W, LaBarge.....	5
Kellogg J. F, Fentonville..	4	Shear Charles B, Ada.....	5
Kellogg Wilfred M, Linden.....	4	Shults Jacob D, Whittaker	7, 15
Keyes Russell M, Ludington.....	12	Sidebotham William, Kalkaska.....	1
Kidder John S, Hopkins.....	8	Sillence William E, Manistee.....	12
King Walter D, Essexville	14	Skentlebury Wm. H, Hubbardston.....	10
Kirkland Elias E, Homestead	1	Smith Henry H, White Cloud	8, 11
Kitchel Harvey D, East Liverpool, O.....	3	Smith J. Malcom, Olivet	13
Lee Lucius O, Marash, Turkey.....	4	Smith Moses, Detroit.....	3
Lewis Richard, Bancroft.....	4	Smith Wm. J, Whitehall.....	11
Liggett James D, Detroit.....	3	Spelman Levi P, Big Rapids	12
Lincoln Geo. E, Highland Station	4	Spooner Charles, Olivet.....	13
Linkletter Elihu, Almira	6	Spoor Orange H, Traverse City.....	13
Lloyd George, Croton.....	5, 11	Stapleton Robert, Maple Rapids	4
Loba Jean F, Olivet.....	13	Stone Edward P, Arkdale.....	3
Lyle Wm. W, Bay City.....	14		
Lyon J. Monroe, Hadley	3, 4	Taggart Charles E, St. Ignace	2
McClelland Page F, Atwood.....	1	Taylor James F, Saugatuck	8
McConnonghey Austin N, Caro	13	Temple Charles, Otsego	8
McGregor John, Sault Ste. Marie.....	2	Thompson Oren C, Detroit.....	3
McKeever Isaac W, Allegan.....	8	Thurston Oakley B, Mecosta	14
Marsh Henry, Edmore.....	10	Tuck Mark W, Wolverine.....	1
Martin Moses M, Three Oaks.....	8	Tuttle Chas. F, New Haven, Conn	1
Mercer Henry W, Stockbridge, Wis	4		
Merriam Alex R, Grand Rapids.....	5	Uttterwick Henry, Grand Rapids.....	5
Millar William H, Gaylord.....	1	Van Antwerp John, Alma	14
Millard Joseph D, Bear Lake.....	6	Van Auken Abram, Potterville.....	1, 13
Miller Daniel, Glen Arbor.....	6	Van Auken Chauncey F, Charlevoix.....	1
Miller Elisha W, Big Rapids.....	12	Van Auken John C, Sault Ste. Marie.....	2
Mitchell William, Galesburg	8	Van Auken Helmas H, Alpena.....	14
Moore Benjamin, Middleville	5	Van Camp Albert J, Clare.....	12
Morse Henry C, Union City.....	13	Verney James, Pine Creek.....	13
Nicol John, Chase.....	12	Vivian Richard, Vestaburg.....	3, 10
Noble Franklin, East Saginaw	14		
Norris Austin H, Newaygo.....	11	Waldo Levi F, Pentwater.....	11
Noyes Selah W, Frankfort	6	Wall Arthur A, Ashley	4
Parker Charles	10	Wallace Robt. W, Detroit	3
Parker Thomas, Shelby	11	Warren Leroy, Lansing.....	10
Parsons Robert, Flat Rock.....	3	Warren Waters, Three Oaks.....	8
Patchin John, Grass Lake	7	Wastell Wm. P. Clinton.....	3
Patton James L, Greenville.....	10	Waterman Alfred T, Ovid.....	4
Perry Charles A, Randolph, Vt	3	Waters Otis B, Benzonia	6
Perry Peter W, Dowagiac.....	8	Whalley John, Middleville	3, 5
Platt Lester B, Flint.....	4	White Frank N, Hancock.....	9
Polland Geo. A, Grand Rapids	5	Wight Charles A, Eaton Rapids	13
Porter T. Arthur, Hersey	12	Wilcox Warren P, Chippewa Lake	1, 12
Prudden Theodore P, Chicago, Ill	10	Williams Horace R, Vermontville.....	13
Puddefoot William G, Traverse City	6	Williams Wolcott B, Charlotte	13
Quaife Robert, East Toledo, O.....	4	Wilson Geo. H, Owosso.....	4
Radford Walter.....	15	Willson Theo. B, Muskegon	11
Redeoff Richard, Sherman	6	Wood Clark C, Bedford.....	13, 15
Reiter David H, Vicksburg.....	8	Wood Fred C, Clio.....	4
Richards Jonathan E, St. Johns.....	4	Wood Melvin C, Athens	8
Roberts John B, Old Mission.....	6	Woodmansee Wm, Hudson.....	8, 15
Roberts Wm. G, Hudson	3	Worden Jesse A. S, Saranac.....	10
Robinson Harvey P, Irving.....	5	Wrench Richard, Maybee.....	15
Ross A. Hastings, Port Huron	3	Wright Malan H, New Baltimore.....	3
Ryder Wm. H, Ann Arbor.....	7	Wright Newell S, Detroit	3

LICENTIATES.

Crane J. F, Horton's Bay	1
Dole James H, Nunica.....	1
Lillie Isaac B, Bay Mills.....	2
Pierce David H, Horton's Bay	1

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN.

This society was organized at Charlotte, May 20, 1881, at the annual meeting of the Congregational Churches of Michigan.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Leroy Warren, of Lansing; Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, of Greenville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. N. Pitman, of Middleville; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. P. Prudden, of Lansing. Conference presidents were appointed.

A constitution was adopted, and it was voted that the society undertake to raise the sum of \$500, to supplement the amount that the Home Missionary Society is trying to reach.

The First Annual Meeting was held May 18, 19, at Greenville. The treasurer's report showed the receipts of the society for the year to be \$33.55.

It was voted to furnish Rev. Wm. Curry, Home Missionary at Bay Mills, in northern Michigan, a horse and its equipments, because it was so difficult for him to walk to meet his widely separated appointments.

The President and Treasurer were re-elected. Mrs. W. S. Bugbey, of Middleville, was elected Recording Secretary, and Mrs. J. B. Porter, of Lansing, Corresponding Secretary.

The Home Missionary Auxiliaries organized the first year were: North Adams, Tawas City young ladies, Laingsburg.

The Second Annual Meeting was held at Manistee, May 18, 19, 1883. Addresses were made by Superintendent Leroy Warren, Rev. J. B. Clark, Rev. G. D. Pike, Rev. W. G. Puddefoot; and W. E. Latham, of White Cloud, presented \$10 to the society as a memorial to his wife, who had died a month before.

A letter from Mrs. Z. Eddy, of Detroit, was read, recommending that the society contribute its receipts to the support of Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, as a missionary in the Upper Peninsula, and the society voted to adopt the recommendation of Mrs. Eddy.

Report of Treasurer showed the receipts to be \$190.50 cash, coming into the treasury of the society.

New auxiliaries were reported at Middleville, Clinton, Litchfield, St. Joseph, and Columbus.

Mrs. R. G. Peters, Mrs. Emma Latham and Mrs. A. S. Packard were made the first three life members of the society by the payment of \$10 each.

Mrs. M. E. B. Green, of Olivet, was elected Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. N. W. Nelson, of Manistee, Recording Secretary, and the President and Treasurer were re-elected.

The Third Annual Meeting was held at Port Huron, May 23, 24, 1884.

The receipts of the year coming into the hands of the Treasurer were \$933.65.

Dr. Alden, of the American Board, addressed the meeting.

A. E. Winship, of Boston, presented the cause of the New West Education Commission.

Rev. W. G. Puddefoot made a report of his missionary work in the Upper Peninsula.

It was voted that the society support Mr. Puddefoot a second year.

Thirteen members pledged themselves each to pay five cents a week for the support of a woman teacher among the Mormons in Utah.

The officers remained the same, except that Mrs. E. D. Kelsey, of Almont, was chosen Recording Secretary.

The Fourth Annual Meeting was held at Jackson, May 22, 23, 1885.

The Secretary's report showed that the auxiliaries were increasing in membership and gifts. And she remarked that if societies and individuals would more generally send their contributions to the Treasurer of the society, instead of to New York, the women of Michigan would have more credit for benevolence.

The Treasurer reported that \$1,045.25 had come into the treasury of the society during the year.

Mrs. M. B. Norton, late of Dakota, made an address in behalf of Home Missions. Dr. Roy, of Chicago, spoke in behalf of the American Missionary Association. Mrs. McDougal presented the claims of Straight University at New Orleans. Mrs. Green, of Olivet, made report of work in Utah.

It was announced that the ladies of the First Congregational Church of Detroit, would pledge \$200 for the Home Missionary cause, and \$100 for the New West Education

The society resolved to aid the Home Missionary Society, the New West Education Commission and the American Missionary Association.

Mrs. S. L. Ballentine, of Port Huron, was chosen Recording Secretary. The other officers were re-elected.

The Fifth Annual Meeting was held at Flint, May 20, 22, 1886. Mrs. O. H. Spoor, of Charlotte, presided at the first sessions.

After devotional exercises, an address of welcome was given by Mrs. S. B. Holman, of Flint, in behalf of the ladies of the city. An appropriate response, in behalf of the society, was given by Mrs. Geo. M. Lane, of Detroit.

Mrs. M. E. B. Green, Corresponding Secretary, presented a report, which gave, in addition to the statistical returns, interesting and valuable information concerning the needs of our own State as a field for the society's efforts.

Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treasurer, reported that the total cash receipts from all sources were \$2,743.78, of which \$1,671.56 came into the treasury of the society.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Schauffler, of Cleveland, who has in charge the evangelization of the immigrant population in our cities. He was of Bohemian nationality, and told of the new work of women for the Slavic women, Bohemians, Poles and Hungarians.

Rev. Walter M. Barrows, of New York, one of the secretaries of the A. H. M. S., made an address. The receipts of the society had been, during the year, larger than ever before in Michigan, Ohio and in nearly all the other States, and so the society had been enabled to enlarge its work. In this country is a vast foreign population to be fitted for good citizenship. It is in the moulding stage; shall the form in which it hardens bear upon it the image of Christ?

Miss D. E. Emerson, Secretary of the woman's department of the A. M. A., spoke of three distinct departments of work, for the Indians, the poor whites and the blacks. She referred particularly to the work among the young, and requested the society to help one school.

Rev. Simeon Gilbert, of Chicago, spoke in behalf of the New West Commission and its work for women in Utah and New Mexico.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the M. E. District Home Missionary Society also, then in session in the city, response being made by Mrs. S. B. Holman, of Flint.

A half hour memorial service was given to the memory of Mrs. Leroy Warren, late president of the society, who died Nov. 22, 1885. And at another hour resolutions in her honor was adopted.

A tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. T. P. Prudden, the first Corresponding Secretary of the society, was also adopted.

The constitution of the society was amended.

Rev. Leroy Warren, Superintendent of Home Missions in Michigan, made an interesting and instructive address upon Home Missionary work in the Upper Peninsula. The stress of our Home Missionary work must still be for the newer counties of the north. To aid in planting churches, as they are needed, is a work which belongs first of all to us, as citizens of Michigan and members of Michigan churches.

The Committee on Plan of Work made recommendations, which were adopted: That the society should endeavor to raise the sum of \$4,000 during the coming year, to be expended as follows: \$1,200 for the support of a general missionary in Northern Michigan, \$1,000 for the establishment of new churches in the Upper Peninsula, the remainder to be for the support of a State evangelist for labor among Home Missionary churches, and for the general fund of the A. H. M. S.; also that each local society be requested to contribute five cents a member to meet incidental expenses of the society.

The Committee on Resolutions presented a report, which was adopted: Tendering thanks to Mrs. Grabill and Mrs. Green, to the pastor and people of the First Presbyterian Church of Flint, to Rev. J. P. Sanderson, editor of the *Beacon*, and to Mrs. O. H. Spoor, who had kindly served the society as president *pro tem.*

Officers were elected and Conference Presidents chosen, as follows:

President—Mrs. Geo. M. Lane, Detroit.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. A. T. Waterman, Ovid; Mrs. M. I. Brabb, Romeo.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. E. B. Green, Olivet; *Assistant, Mrs. C. H. Johnson*, Flint.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. S. L. Ballentine, Port Huron.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

Auditor—J. S. Crosby, Greenville.

PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCES OR ASSOCIATIONS.

Cheboygan—Mrs. W. S. Bugbey, Cheboygan.

Chippewa and Mackinac—Mrs. C. E. Taggart, St. Ignace.

Eastern—Mrs. E. A. Berry, Romeo.

Genesee—Mrs. Fayette Hurd, Grand Blanc.

Grand River—Mrs. L. P. Rowland, Grand Rapids.

Grand Traverse—Mrs. Frank Hamilton, Traverse City.

Jackson—Mrs. M. McGee, Jackson.

Kalamazoo—Mrs. J. H. Hatfield, Three Oaks.

Lansing—Mrs. D. P. Breed, Portland.

Muskegon—Mrs. L. F. Waldo, Pentwater.

Lake Superior—Mrs. J. H. Rhodes, Hancock.

Northern Central—Mrs. E. B. Fairfield, Manistee.

Olivet—Mrs. O. H. Spoor, Charlotte.

Southern Michigan, Mrs. C. B. Stowell, Hudson.

Saginaw—Mrs. C. J. Willett, St. Louis.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY.

I. This society shall be called The Woman's Home Missonary Society of Michigan.

II. Any woman, not a member of a local missionary organization, may become a member of the society by the annual contribution of one dollar to its treasury.

III. The officers of this society shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, an auditor, and conference presidents, who shall constitute an executive committee, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

IV. The object of this society shall be to enlist all the women of the Congregational churches of Michigan in prayer and effort for Home Missions, to acquire and diffuse information, and to collect money and other gifts, by contributions, bequests or otherwise, for the support of Home Missionaries, for the aid of Home Missionary families, and for the education of Home Missionary children.

V. This society shall do its work on the field through the American Home Missionary Society, and in such other ways as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Committee and by vote of the society.

VI. The Executive Committee shall have authority to form its own Rules of Business, to appoint its own meetings, to fill vacancies in its membership, which may occur during the intervals between meetings of the society.

VII. The annual meeting of the society shall be held in connection with the meeting of the General Association of Congregational Churches, at an hour and place appointed by the Executive Committee, when the annual reports of officers shall be presented, officers elected, conference presidents appointed, whose duty shall be to promote, as best they may, in their respective conferences or associations, work for Home Missions, making reports thereof to the Corresponding Secretary of this society.

VIII. Any missionary and church society may become an auxiliary to this society by contributing not less than five dollars annually to its treasury.

IX. Representation at the meetings of this society shall be one delegate from each auxiliary society. The officers and members shall be entitled to vote on all questions.

X. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous regular meeting, or published in the State Congregational newspaper by the Executive Committee at least one month before the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TREASURER

GREENVILLE, May 18, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

To special collection at organization, for purchase of books for Secretary and Treasurer-----	\$ 1 55
Lansing—Mrs. Leroy Warren-----	\$1 00
Mrs. J. B. Porter-----	1 00
Greenville—Mrs. E. F. Grabill-----	1 00
Port Huron—Mrs. E. Gillett, Mrs. A. E. Wastell, Mrs. Annie E. Meisel, Mrs. Cora E. Meisel, Mrs. Clara E. Meisel-----	5 00
Morenci—Mrs. L. A. Van Antwerp, what it would have cost her to attend the State Branch meeting of the W. B. M. I., held at Greenville, Feb. 2, 1882-----	5 00
North Adams—W. H. M. S-----	5 00
Tawas City—Young Ladies' Home Missionary Circle-----	5 00
Laingsburg—W. H. M. S-----	9 00
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	\$33 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid for Secretary and Treasurer's book-----	\$1 25
" " " Circulars and postage-----	10 00
Balance on hand-----	<hr/> \$22 30
	<hr/> \$33 55

MANISTEE, May 18, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand-----	\$ 22 30
To amount from Rev. Walter Barrows for the Curry missionary horse and equipments-----	7 00
Membership fees and individual contributions-----	37 00
To amount from Auxiliaries, the women of fourteen churches and the S. S. children of Alpine and Walker-----	124 20
To amount from the women of eight churches for General Fund, and to be applied on their church apportionment-----	96 43
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DISBURSEMENTS.

By purchase of mission'ry horse for Rev. D. Lazerou, of Leland-\$98 06	
" " " " " Rev. Wm. Curry, Bay Mills 81 00	
" amount to N. Y. for General Fund-----	96 43
" Exchange and Postal Orders-----	24
Balance on hand-----	11 20
Amount of boxes and barrels of clothing sent, \$282.40.	\$286 93

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PORT HURON, May 23, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

To balance-----	\$ 11 20
" amount for salary of Rev. W. G. Pudddefoot, Superintendent of Upper Peninsula-----	759 28
" amount of Contingent Fund-----	8 20 \$778 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

By drafts sent Rev. W. G. Puddefoot-----	\$770 48
" printing and mailing circulars-----	7 20
" postage of Treasurer-----	1 00 \$778 68

JACKSON, May 22, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

To amount for salary of Rev. W. G. Puddefoot-----	\$916 72
" special contributions-----	10 00
" amount for Vinita Academy, Indian Territory, to apply on	
Teacher's salary -----	27 50
" General Fund-----	64 13
" Work in Upper Peninsula-----	1 40
" Contingent Fund -----	14 50 \$1034 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

To drafts sent Rev. W. G. Puddefoot-----	\$219 19
" " " to New York for W. G. Puddefoot -----	694 46
" " " Rev. L. Curtis from W. H. M. S., Coloma-----	5 00
" " " Rev. Wm. Curry, from W. H. M. S., Middleville-----	5 00
" " " Rev. F. C. Wood, from little girls of St. Clair-----	20 00
" bills for circulars, programs, stationery and postage-----	14 50
" balance-----	76 10 \$1034 25

Amount of boxes and barrels of clothing, \$502.08.

FLINT, May 21, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand-----	\$ 76 50
" amount for General Fund-----	999 54
" " Jong O'Loy, Salt Lake City-----	5 00
" " deficiency on salary of W. G. Puddefoot-----	40 00
" " salary of Miss Heydenberg, Bazette, Texas-----	55 00
" " S. S. Library of Cong'l Church, Helena, Mont-----	6 50
" " Memorial offerings-----	469 31
" " Contingent Fund-----	19 71 \$1671 56

American Missionary Association.

To amount for teacher, Santee agency, Nebraska-----	10 00
	\$1681 56

New West Education Commission.

To amount for salary of Anna V. La Rose, Mednay, Utah-----	100 00
	\$1781 56

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DISBURSEMENTS.

By receipt for drafts sent New York Treasurer of Home Missionary Society-----	\$1596 85
" receipt of Miss Heydenburg-----	55 00
" " " Santee agency -----	10 00 \$1661 85
" payment of bills for stationery and postage for Secretary and Treasurer-----	15 00
" payment of bills for printing and mailing programs-----	2 55
" balance of Contingent Fund-----	2 16 19 71
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	\$1681 56
By receipt for draft sent Treasurer of New West Education Commission, Chicago -----	100 00
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	\$1781 56

Amount of boxes and barrels of clothing, \$1,141.39.

Amounts sent through Superintendent Leroy Warren, or direct to A. H. M. S., New York, from Auxiliary societies and women of Michigan, 1884 to 1885-----	\$ 268 88
1885 to 1886, through Mr. Warren, mostly Memorial Fund-----	\$864 44
To New York-----	75 57 940 01
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	\$1208 89

Sunday Schools contributed to the Memorial Fund, \$122.21.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at Lansing, on the third Wednesday in May, 1887, beginning at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Every church connected with a Local Conference or Association within the State, is entitled to representation in the General Association by one delegate; and every minister thus connected is entitled to a seat therein.

N. B.—A copy of all records of Councils are, by vote of the General Association, requested to be forwarded to the Secretary for preservation.